

Two state representatives celebrated the opening of an office in Granite City this week.

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Readers complain about a stoplight in West Granite and dogs in downtown Granite City.

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Cities oppose incorporation plan

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

Leaders in Granite City, Edwardsville, Pontoon Beach, South Roxana and Hartford all oppose a plan to incorporate about 20 square miles into the village of Mitchell.

"I don't want to sound parochial or

selfish, but this can really hamper the development efforts in the entire region," Granite City Mayor Ron Selph said. "We need to think of the interest of the entire region."

Selph said he met with representatives of Edwardsville, Pontoon Beach, South Roxana and Hartford and that all officials expressed concerns about

the incorporation plan filed in Madison County Circuit Court last month.

One concern, Selph said, is the size of the area Mitchell proposes to incorporate. The 20-square-mile area runs from the Mississippi River on the west to Edwardsville on the east boundary, and from Hartford to the north to Granite City and Pontoon

Beach on the south end.

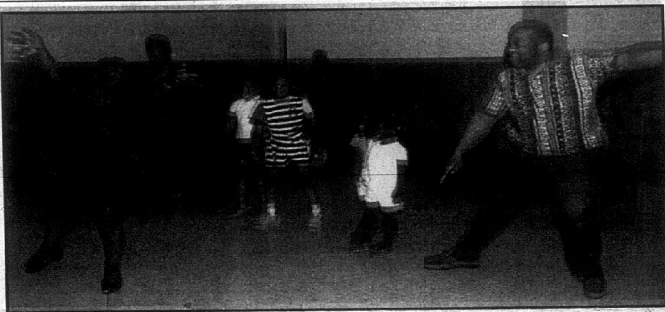
"I understand this would make Mitchell one of the 10 largest municipalities, geographically, in the state of Illinois," Selph said. "This will not come without a price tag. Obviously, if they incorporate, there is going to be an added tax to generate the revenue to provide services that have

been provided by Madison County.

"And since it is a new entity, it is probably going to be expensive to start up those services."

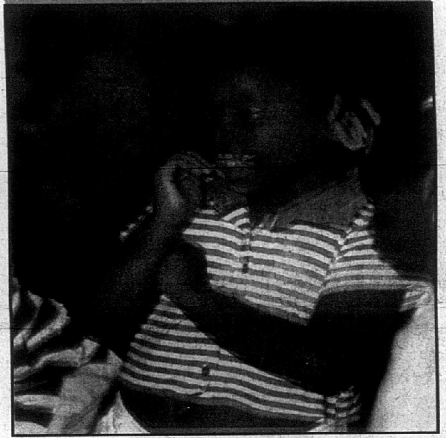
Residents of the tiny town of Mitchell began incorporation efforts in earnest earlier this year after Edwardsville proposed annexing 1,600 acres

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(Staff photos by JOHN FRESE)

Dance time — While performing at the "Terrific Tuesday" kickoff of summer youth activities at Mt. Nebo Missionary Baptist Church, Linda Kennedy of the St. Louis Black Repertory Theatre Company leads a group of audience volunteers in a dance as she tells a folk story about a dancing rabbit. The other animal friends of the rabbit are annoyed by the rabbit's constant exuberance, but he saves the day by getting the wolf so worked up that his friends can escape. At right, Hendria Pickett, 6, is too amused by Kennedy's antics to join in.

Power
outage
IP making
plans for
shortageBy Bob Slate
Staff writer

Area residents may have to sweat out possible planned power outages predicted by utility companies during peak demand periods this summer. But hospitals and nursing homes will remain exempt from "planned outages" — electrical blackouts in various neighborhoods when demand exceeds capacity, according to a contingency plan adopted by Illinois Power in case such an event occurs.

"We're certainly hoping it doesn't happen. But it is in our customers' best interest for us

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Robbery suspect
arrested in ChicagoBy Bob Slate
Staff writer

A 19-year-old East St. Louis man was arrested Tuesday in Chicago in connection with an armed robbery of Payless Shoe Store in Granite City.

Fred Grunwald was arrested by the U.S. Marshall's Service and was being held in Cook County on \$150,000 bond and awaiting transportation to Madison County. His alleged accomplice, Gerald Peden, 18, is also in custody in St. Clair County where he was arrested for a separate robbery in Belleville, Granite City police Chief Dave Ruebhausen said.

Grunwald and Peden were charged June 19 with armed robbery in connection with the Payless heist.

Grunwald and Peden are suspects in other Metro East robberies, Ruebhausen said.

The Payless robbery, in which \$700 and a pair of boots were taken, occurred May 26. Grunwald entered the store, took a pair of boots to the checkout counter and handed the cashier a \$100 bill, police said.

The cashier had to open a safe to make change. Grunwald then allegedly demanded the money from the safe.

Peden allegedly drove the getaway car.

Man gets 10 years
in stabbing death

A Granite City man was sentenced Monday to 10 years in prison in connection with the stabbing death of former Brighton resident Wesley E. Kramer last year in Granite City.

Terrence J. Esterlen, 31, entered the Alford plea to second-degree murder in a plea bargain for the 10-year sentence.

In an Alford plea, a defendant, while denying guilt, concedes that prosecutors have sufficient evidence for a conviction.

The plea and sentence came a year to the day after Kramer, 41, was fatally stabbed in the head and leg outside his apartment in Kirkpatrick Homes in Granite City.

Esterlen had been charged with first-degree murder. He pleaded guilty to the lesser offense against the advice of his attorney, Bill T. Walker.

Madison County Assistant State's Attorney Robert Trone said the plea bargain was a reasonable disposition of the case.

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— Robert Trone
Assistant state's attorney

the realm of reason," Trone said. "There's nothing you can do for a family that is satisfactory under these circumstances."

Esterlen has been jailed for a year and, with good behavior, could be released in about four years.

"I'm disappointed that he will spend only about five years in prison, but

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(Staff photo by JOHN SWISTAK JR.)

Fireworks will be flying this week in Granite City during the "Patriots in the Park" celebration.

Celebration begins

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

The Independence Day celebration in Granite City kicked off Wednesday and is now in full swing with carnival rides, food, games and family-oriented entertainment.

The "Patriots in the Park" celebration, which runs through Sunday, will also feature a spectacular fireworks display with "appearances" by George Washington, Abe Lincoln, Gen. Douglas MacArthur and other historical figures and music by contemporary Christian group "First Call" and a 100-voice local choir tomorrow night; and pony and carriage rides, a petting zoo, softball and mud volleyball tournaments, a firemen's rodeo, a car show, a craft show, military displays and other family-oriented activities.

"This is the grandest July 4th celebration Granite City has

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Salute



Randall Robertson

Randall Robertson, a partner in the Granite City law firm of Lueders, Robertson and Konzen, was recently recognized by the Illinois State Bar Association for having practiced law 50 years.

Robertson and 100 other attorneys were conferred the title "Senior Counselor" during ceremonies June 21 at the state bar association's annual meeting. Each member of the Class of 1947 received a certificate expressing the gratitude of the state bar association for his long and faithful service.

Robertson has long been active in civic affairs in Granite City as well as serving on a number of statewide appointed boards and committees.

NEWS

Policeman disciplined after suicide attempt

Granite City man slashed wrists after arrest

Authorities disciplined a rookie officer after investigating an attempted suicide during processing inside the Edwardsville Police Department.

A 41-year-old Granite City man slashed his wrists with a pocket knife June 13 after the arresting officer momentarily stepped out of the room and left him alone.

Director of Police Bennett Dickmann said he took the disciplinary action June 23 after completing an internal investigation of the incident.

"I'm satisfied that what occurred was the fault of the officer and not a breakdown in training," he said.

"It was an error on the part of the officer and should have been avoided."

Under Illinois law, Dickmann said he is authorized to suspend an officer up to five days without pay.

Dickmann declined to give specifics of the action and did not confirm or deny that the officer received a five-day suspension.

The officer, who has about one year's experience in Edwardsville, arrested the Granite City driver about 9 p.m. June 13 after stopping his car on Illinois Route 157 near Center Grove

Road. The man was charged with driving under the influence and traffic offenses, authorities said.

During processing at the station, the officer apparently removed the man's handcuffs and a pocket knife before leaving the room. When the officer returned, he found the man bleeding from both wrist wrists, officials said.

The man was treated at Anderson Hospital in Maryville and released, and voluntarily agreed to seek a psychological evaluation.

Dickmann said there was obviously a psychological problem and the prisoner's own conduct was primarily to blame. The officer's actions were secondary, he said.

"The knife had been removed from him, but not removed far enough. He accessed it," he said.

Investigators found no fault with police procedures or training either at the academy level or the field level in Edwardsville. No changes will be made, authorities said.

The officer has not appealed the disciplinary action.

— From The Telegraph

TCI-Charter merger reports called premature

Reports that Tele-Communications Inc. and Charter Communications have reached agreement on a merger that would give one company control of cable television in some 95 percent of the St. Louis area's homes are premature, officials with both companies said Friday.

Anita Lamont, a spokeswoman for Charter at its corporate headquarters in the St. Louis suburb of Des Peres, Mo., said the Wall Street Journal incorrectly reported Wednesday that the merger agreement had been completed.

"It was just wrong. Certainly, we're talking to TCI about this, as they're talking to a whole lot of people. We're negotiating."

"Not that we wouldn't love for that to happen," she added. "Obviously, that's why they're talking to us and we're talking to them. But there is no agreement."

Joann Dobbs, a spokeswoman for TCI at its home base in Englewood, Colo., confirmed Lamont's assessment of the situation.

"We don't have a partnership agreement yet," Dobbs said. "We're still talking to a lot of operators. Our intent is to enter into eight to 10 of these partnerships in the next few months."

TCI has 260,000 cable customers in the St. Louis area, while Charter has about 225,000 subscribers. Both companies operate locally on both sides of the Mississippi River.

TCI, a publicly traded company, is the world's largest cable operator with nearly 14 million subscribers around the United States. Privately owned Charter has a total of 1.1 million subscribers.

More than 45,000 of Charter's customers are in the Metro East area, most of them in Madison County and a few in St. Clair County. Among the communities served by Charter are Pontoon Beach, Granite City, Venice, Madison and Mitchell.

— From The Telegraph



(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)

113th District Rep. Tom Holbrook, Granite City Mayor Ron Selph, Madison County Democratic Committee Chairman Mac Warfield, 111th District Rep. Steve Davis and 57th District Illinois Sen. James Clayborne celebrate the addition of Davis and Clayborne to the regional legislative offices shared with Holbrook at 1310 Niedringhaus in Granite City.

New accessibility

Davis, Clayborne open Granite office

By Michelle Duell
Staff writer

Residents of Granite City will now have more accessibility to two of their state legislators and the constituent services that they can provide.

At an informal grand opening ceremony Tuesday, State Rep. Steve Davis (D-Bethalto) and State Sen. James Clayborne (D-East St. Louis) celebrated the opening of their new district office in Granite City.

"By opening an office in Granite City, I can be more accessible to the constituents in the southern end of my district," Davis said. "Nearly a third of my district is represented by precincts in Granite City, Nameoki and Chouteau townships, and I think this office is going to be a lot more convenient for these residents."

The new office is located on 1310 Niedringhaus Ave. in downtown Granite City. The

two legislators will share office space with the current occupant of the office, State Rep. Tom Holbrook, (D-Belleville).

"My office here in Granite City has certainly seen a lot of activity," Holbrook said. "Davis and Clayborne are definitely going to see an increase in constituent services for this part of their respective districts."

Davis said he will continue to occupy his office in Wood River and do the majority of his work out of that office. He said the office in Granite City will be a part-time one, but he will be able to meet with constituents for their convenience.

"I really think this could be a great asset for people of Granite City," Davis said. "I hope if they have problems with a particular state agency, or if they have questions about state legislation or a state law, that they will call."

State, local officials saddened by death of Terry Deering

By Joe Leicht
Staff writer

Terry Deering left his mark on southern Illinois, and nowhere more indelibly than in Monroe County.

The 11th District state representative was killed in the early hours of June 26 when his car veered off a road and crashed into an embankment in Washington County near his home. State Police investigators said he was attempting to turn onto Posen Road from County Highway 17 but appar-

ently lost control due to excessive speed.

The news brought sympathy from U.S. state and local officials who will miss Deering and his dedication to southern Illinois.

Illinois House Speaker Michael Madigan (D-Chicago) said Deering will be remembered as "someone who fought passionately for issues he and his constituents believed were important. We have all lost a good friend and champion of the working people of southern Illinois and the entire state."

"Terry Deering stood tall for his constituents. He made his voice heard. He will be missed," said Madigan.

Deering had a reputation as a moderate to conservative Democrat. He supported Gov. Jim Edgar's recent failed effort to hike state income taxes to fund public schooling and was lukewarm toward tax caps, which have generally proven popular across the state.

He established a record as a pro-life legislator and was a supporter of the right to keep and bear arms.

Some of Deering's controversial stands were against lowering the allowable blood-alcohol content for motorists, which became a political embarrassment for him when he was arrested in May for driving under the influence of alcohol. Investigators said last week there was no evidence of alcohol abuse relating to the crash that killed the lawmaker.

Monroe County experienced many difficult challenges, as well as a boom in growth and infrastructure development, during Deering's tenure as state representative.

In 1993 when the Mississippi River washed away much of the bottoms and wind damage hit the area in 1995 and 1996, Deering worked with officials at all levels of government to acquire disaster relief for the county.

Some of the major projects the legislator had a hand in delivering to local communities included a \$2.2 million sewer lagoon project and 16 units of housing for developmentally disabled persons in Waterloo, the widening of Illinois 3 into a divide four-lane, and senior housing in Valmeyer.

Not the least of Deering's accomplishments was his work with U.S. Rep. Jerry Costello (D-Belleville), the Monroe County Board of Commissioners and Valmeyer officials to bring the reconstruction of Valmeyer after the 1993 flood.

"Terry and I worked closely together, our offices often joining forces to help the people we both represented. He was a fighter for the district," said Costello in a prepared statement Friday.

Waterloo Mayor Bob Krump said Deering will be a hard man to replace.

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NEWS

Beautification project funded

By Michelle Duell
Staff writer

The Madison City Council has approved an expenditure of \$6,000 to continue its beautification project at the site of the Old Dunbar School, which was torn down two years ago.

The site of the school, located near Weaver and Jackson streets, was filled with broken concrete and bricks and other debris after it was bought by Uriste, a firm that planned to develop it but failed after declaring bankruptcy.

"Uriste left the place in a mess," Mayor John Hamm said Wednesday. "City employees are renting equipment and doing work to restore it. We now have time to do it."

The site is about two blocks in size.

It currently is being filled with dirt, Hamm said, adding that bulldozers soon will be able to level it.

After that project is completed, he said, grass will be planted, and it will look like a nice area.

In addition to completing the Dunbar site, the council approved a letter of renovation from Maverick Transportation at 216 State Route 203.

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The company will be expanding in that area and asked in the letter to be included as part of the city's Tax Increment Financing District.

Aldermen also approved the hiring of two additional Street Department workers — Tony Anderson and Joseph Mukes and approved the hiring of Grover Brannan, who will oversee the 10 Job Training Partnership Act students that the city hired to help beautify the streets.

In continuing its beautification projects, Madison is offering large, white potting containers for \$40 each to residents and businessmen who want to set them in front of their stores, offices and restaurants.

The pots will bear the names of the businesses.

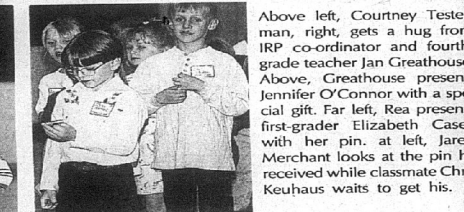
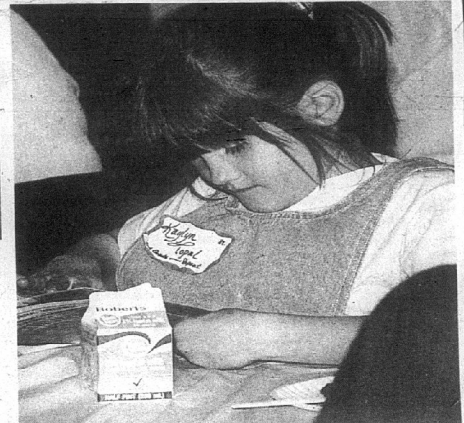
Madison Unit Community School District No. 12 recently bought several of the pots through a grant, Hamm said.

The pots, which hold plants and flowers, are being put in front of Madison Middle School, Hamm said.



(Staff photos by JOHN FRESÉ)

Awards — Far above, Tamara Jones, one of the lucky door prize recipients, collects her Cardinals jacket from Principal Norbert Tate during the awards presentation for Prather School students participating in the Independent Reading Program. Recipients had to read at least 100 books over the course of the program. Far above right, from left, front row, sixth-graders Jessica Heath, Zach McElroy, Courtney Testerman, Julia Vandergrieff and Jennifer O'Connor received special recognition for completing the program's required books in all six of their years at the school. Offering them congratulations were Tate, Ron Dillard and Eldon Rea from the school board, Superintendent Steven Balen, and Ron Slesman and Jim Parker. Above, Rea presents one of the students with an award. At right, second-grader Kaylyn Lopal reads a book while waiting for the awards presentation to begin after the banquet.



Above left, Courtney Testerman, right, gets a hug from IRP co-ordinator and fourth-grade teacher Jan Greathouse. Above, Greathouse presents Jennifer O'Connor with a special gift. Far left, Rea presents first-grader Elizabeth Casey with her pin. At left, Jared Merchant looks at the pin he received while classmate Chris Keuhaus waits to get his.

Stassi pleads not guilty

Wood River Councilman Anthony V. Stassi has pleaded not guilty to charges that he raped a 17-year-old woman at his home two weeks ago.

Stassi, 49, entered the plea during an arraignment in Madison County Circuit Court on June 27, one day after he was indicted by a grand jury on three counts of aggravated criminal sexual assault. Stassi's attorney, Ben Allen, also entered a not guilty plea on Stassi's behalf on June 23, when the same charges were filed by the state's attorney's office.

The case has been assigned to Circuit Judge J. Lawrence Keeshner. Tentative trial date of July 14 was scheduled, but court officials said the case is not likely to go to trial for at least several months. Stassi has been denied bail and remains in the Madison County Jail.

He also faces a charge of aggravated criminal sexual assault in connection with the alleged abduction and rape of a 19-year-old woman in Alton on May 9, 1996. He was free on a \$15,000 cash bond posted in connection with that charge when he allegedly attacked the 17-year-old woman last month.

Madison County State's Attorney William Haine said last week that eight other women have alleged they were victims of rapes or attempted rapes by Stassi.

Christmas in April group is accepting applications

Christmas in April Tri-Cities Area Inc. is now accepting applications for Workday 1998.

Applicants must live in Madison County and meet certain criteria to be considered. Interested persons may contact the Christmas in April office at 831-4578 to obtain an application.

Christmas in April Tri-Cities Area Inc. wants to be the leading local volunteer organization. In partnership with the community, the organization rehabilitates the houses of low-income homeowners — particularly the elderly and handicapped — so the homeowner may continue to live in warmth, safety and independence.

After months of extensive preparation, the group's work culminates in a National Rebuilding Day on the last Saturday in April. This one-day blitz joins skilled and unskilled volunteers and beneficiaries together in the "neighbor helping neighbor" tradition of our nation's past. As homes are transformed, neighborhoods and communities find restored hope and pride.

Low-income, elderly and disabled people who cannot maintain their homes are eligible for services. All work is done free of charge. Individual families are referred through churches, community organizations and service groups, or through friends, families and neighbors.

'Old Grads' party set for Aug. 1

The Granite City High School graduating classes of January and June 1996 will host an "Old Grads" party on Friday, Aug. 1, at Sunset Hills Country Club in Edwardsville.

Social hour will begin at 6 p.m., followed by an "all you can eat" buffet and dancing to Bill Berutti. Dress is casual. The cost is \$26 per person.

July 15 is the deadline to make reservations. For more information, call Gus Lignoul at 482-3339.

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County leads on recycling

First anniversary of 'R' Day finds recycling going strong

By Joseph D. Parente

Wow, it's really hard to believe that today is the first anniversary of "R" Day! (I'm sure all of you know that "R" Day was July 1, 1996, and that the "R" stands for "Recycle.")

I'm still trying to recover my sanity from the days last summer when we began implementing the curbside recycling program. The hotline was ringing off the hook, radio and newspaper reporters were in my office all of the time; we had to figure out how to distribute 80,000 blue curbside recycling bins; and waste haulers were asking endless questions.

I wasn't sure that I would ever see "R" Day, much less celebrate the first anniversary. The first anniversary of "R" Day is a really important event for Madison County. It marks one full year of curbside recycling being available to all county residents who live in a single- or two-family residential dwelling. It marks one full year of all waste haulers having curbside recycling programs in place. No matter what area of the county—rural, suburban, incorporated or unincorporated—if you live in a one- or two-family dwelling, you have access to curbside recycling. Before "R" Day, many folks were not recycling because they didn't have the opportunity to recycle.

While this first anniversary is really special, what is more important is that "R" Day isn't just July 1, it's every day. That's right: recycle day is every day. And it's evident by our recycling rate that you are embracing that notion. You're recycling more every day. The reason for "R" Day in the first place was to ensure that Madison County reached the state mandated recycling rate of 25 percent. In time Madison County fashion, we not only reached the goal, but exceeded it! Thank you all very much!

Our county even won an award from the Illinois Recycling Association. We received the Outstanding Public Education Program Award for our "R" Day Education Campaign. Congratulations!

Pat yourselves on the back!

Even though we should all be proud of our accomplishments, there is still much to be done. Occasionally, we receive complaints about waste haulers. We still have some folks who are not recycling. Some businesses and multifamily residents don't have access to recycling. We're out to change all that! We continually re-educate our waste haulers to ensure that they are following the ordinance and are communicating with their customers about preparation requirements and the materials they accept. In order to stay in touch

with residents who are recycling and reach those of you who are not, we will begin publishing a countywide recycling newsletter. This quarterly newsletter will contain a list of acceptable recyclable materials, a list of waste haulers, and helpful recycling hints. Look for the first issue in your mail this October.

We have had a lot, and I do mean a lot, of phone calls to the recycling hotline (692-7040 ext. 6664) from folks who want to recycle; we have not forgotten about you! Coming this fall: Drop-Off Recycling Centers. We currently have two drop-off centers in the county: one at the Pin Oak Township Highway and the other at the Marine Township Highway Department. But these centers are not convenient for all residents in Madison County.

We are targeting the following cities and places to open drop-off centers in the fall: Bethalto, Collinsville, Edwardsville/Glen Carbon, Godfrey, and Granite City. Watch this paper for details about the locations and hours. The centers will accept all of the materials currently accepted in all of our curbside programs.

The first anniversary of "R" Day is a really important event for Madison County. It marks one full year of curbside recycling being available to all county residents who live in a single- or two-family residential dwelling.

When we first passed the Residential Recycling Ordinance and started down the path toward "R" Day, other counties in the state thought we were nuts.

"It'll never work," they said. "Folks simply won't embrace it," they said. "The waste haulers will never implement the programs," they said. Thank you residents, waste haulers, and Madison County Board members for proving everyone wrong and for having the courage and commitment to become a county to which others look to for inspiration! Happy "R" Day! And remember: every day is "R" Day!

(Joseph D. Parente is Madison County Administrator.)



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dog's death serves notice

TO THE EDITOR:

Anthony was killed today (June 25, 1997).

A small red car struck him at the corner of Vine and Waterman. There is a four-way stop sign there, but sometimes people don't bother to stop. In fact, roughly one in six cars don't obey the stop signs.

I've sat on my porch and counted numerous times. I suppose the accident is my fault; then I should have known not to allow him to walk on the sidewalk alone. Anthony was only 5, halfway on his way to 6.

My 3-year-old daughter was standing on the lawn and witnessed the tragedy. None of us will ever be the same. The only purpose this letter serves is to ease my mind. Deep in my heart, I know I'll see the same cars flying up and down our neighborhood streets again tomorrow.

The drivers who break the law attempt to save just seconds as they risk the lives of children, elders and anyone else who happens to be walking down the street. I suppose a plea to these people to obey the speed limits one time and note the difference is a wasted effort. But, maybe, just maybe, this will reach one of those people.

Anthony was a special family member. I can see clearly back to the day he came into our life. We picked him up at the animal shelter. He was so pitiful looking that we drove directly to the vet.

As my husband digs a hole for him in the yard and my

daughter stands asking questions, I hold my baby in my arms and look to my 3-year-old, thanking God it wasn't her.

KAREN JAKICH
Second grade teacher
GRANITE CITY

Utility bill to benefit many

TO THE EDITOR:

In the final hours of the General Assembly's spring session, the House of Representatives took action on a bill that many called the most far-reaching of the decade. Others said it would have more impact on the state than any other issue of their legislative careers.

The legislation they approved would allow virtually every electricity user to choose his or her electricity supplier within five years, deregulate the state's electric utilities without bankrupting them and most significant, decrease electric rates by 15 percent for most Illinois residents.

The bill now awaits action by the Senate and the governor. With their approval this fall, consumer benefits will begin in January.

The plan's economic benefits are unprecedented. Illinois electric customers would save \$1.6 billion over the next three years and more than \$11 billion over the next 10 years. In the Metro East region alone, \$17.9 million a year would return to consumer's pockets and to the region's economy.

What's more, the 15 percent cut in electricity prices is not only guaranteed—it's auto-

matic. Rates go down starting in January. Period. Without waiting for competing suppliers to offer bargains; without telemarketing campaigns interrupting the dinner hour; without separate bills for electric energy, transportation and delivery service.

The plan also builds in numerous consumer safeguards. Protections against misleading marketing practices, thorough consumer education programs and a permanent obligation on utilities to serve all their current customers at their current cost of supply of electricity.

The broad support the bill has received speaks for the thorough study and negotiation that shaped the plan over the past two years, as well as for the magnitude of its benefits.

When the plan is in place, lawmakers will have assured citizens huge savings, given the state's economy a welcome boost, and put Illinois out front on the utility deregulation issue with a plan other states will model.

As regional manager for Illinois Power, I'm available to talk to any customers who want more information about this plan. I can be reached at 618-348-1200.

These benefits are real and tangible. They're too significant to allow them to pass by. With approval in the fall legislative session, electric rate decreases can begin in January. It's time for Illinois to finish the job.

JEM BROWN
Regional Manager
Maryville/River Bend
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Dangerous intersection

Something needs to be done with the stoplight down there by 7-Eleven by the viaduct coming out of west Granite. My daughter, my granddaughter and my husband almost got hit by a semi truck sitting there, and they were behind the white line. That has been happening a lot lately. Does someone have to get killed there before something is done? Let me know who to talk to and I'd be glad to call them.

On the loose

Well, it's 7 p.m. June 27, Friday, 1997. All the dogs on State Street and Delmar (in Granite City) are loose. We can't even sit out in our yards... So who's going to do something about this problem? Is somebody going to wait until somebody gets killed, or we kill the... dogs?

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Have we lost our boldness?

By Charles E. Geer

A few thoughts on the Fourth of July: How bold were those who rebelled against the religious intolerance of 17th century England?

How daring were those who participated in the Boston Tea Party and protested "taxation without representation"? How fearless were the people who stood for what they believed in, namely Patrick Henry, John Paul Jones, John Hancock, Paul Revere and George Washington?

Are we as bold as our forefathers? There are times when I wonder, and it scares me. I normally don't quote someone at length, but the pastor of Central Christian Church in Wichita, Kan., does a better job of expressing my misgivings.

The Rev. Joe Wright prayed before the Kansas House of Representatives on Jan. 23, 1996:

"Heavenly Father, we come before you today to ask your forgiveness and seek your direction and guidance. We know your word says, 'Woe to those who call evil good,' but that's exactly what we've done. We have lost our spiritual equilibrium and inverted our values."

"We confess that we have ridiculed the absolute truth of your word and called it moral pluralism."

"We have worshiped other gods and called it multiculturalism."

"We have endorsed perversion and called it an alternative lifestyle."

"We have exploited the poor and called it the lottery."

"We have neglected the needy and called it self-protection."

"We have rewarded laziness and called it welfare."

"We have killed our unborn and called it choice."

"We have shot abortionists and called it unjustifiable."

"We have neglected to discipline our children and called it building esteem."

"We have abused power and called it political savvy."

"We have coveted our neighbor's possessions and called it ambition."

"We have polluted the air with profanity and pornography and called it freedom of expression."

"Search us, oh God, and know our hearts today; try us and see if there be some wicked way in us; cleanse us from every sin and set us free."

"Guide and bless these men and women who have been sent here by the people of Kansas and who have been ordained by you to govern this great state. Grant them your wisdom to rule, and may their decisions direct us to the center of you."

Will I ask this is the name of your Son, the living savior, Jesus Christ. Amen."

Paul Harvey received more requests for the above prayer than for anything else he's ever presented on his ABC radio broadcast. The Kansas House of Representatives, however, didn't like it

one bit. Many lawmakers walked out of the chamber, outraged. One Democratic representative was quoted in a newspaper account as saying, "His prejudice and his perversion can be practiced in his own church, where they probably worship snakes."

Some pastors from the state capitol of Topeka expressed concern about Wright's specific and divisive prayer; others suggested the prayer should have been couched in broader, more general language.

"I don't think my convictions or my prayer should change simply because I'm praying in public," Wright said. "Would any of us be as bold this July 4 as Wright was some 18 months ago in Kansas? Would we be willing to face criticism from friends, colleagues, even family, to speak out about what's wrong with America as well as what's right? Would we be willing to pray for God's guidance and correction?"

We as Americans have a knack for saying one thing and doing another, especially if it sounds politically correct and makes everyone feel warm and fuzzy. But if today's Americans had tried to start a revolution more than two centuries ago, the chances are good we would still be singing "God Save the Queen."

(Charles E. Geer is a Granite City resident.)

PEOPLE



Photos by John Frese

Above, Tonya Cotton and Arrianna Patton, both 10, and Ebone Paulette and Asha Boyd, both 9, dance along with Linda Kennedy from the St. Louis Black Repertory Theatre Company as part of summer youth activities at Mt. Nebo Missionary Baptist Church. At right, Don Trez offers Jaron Brimmage, 3, a hot dog at the barbecue held after the activities. At left, Paula Dukes, 9, and Tonya Cotton, 10, applaud one of Kennedy's stories. Below right, Volunteers from the church hand out hot dogs and juice drink after the activities. Below left, Hendria and India Pickett, 6 and 5, listen as East St. Louis Ameri-Corps Worker Mary Ann Eckelberger recites her poem, "The ABCs of a Blooming Queen."



Above left, Arrianna Patton, 10, and Ebone Paulette, 9, dance along as Kennedy tells the story of dancing rabbit. Above, the drummers from Jahi Bakari and the Bakari Institute from East St. Louis perform for the

children and parents gathered at the youth activity night. At left, Eckelberger from the Ameri-Corps recites a poem for the children.



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NEWS



The Rev. William and Mrs. Mullis display their retirement cake.

Rev. Mullis, wife honored on retirement from church

Emmanuel Baptist Church, 1800 Pontoon Road, honored the Rev. and Mrs. William (Barbara) Mullis with a retirement reception following the morning worship service on May 18 in recognition of their 16 plus years of service and leadership at Emmanuel.

The Rev. Mullis has also served in many areas of the Madison County Baptist Association.

Kathy Sargent sang a solo "My Tribute" during the worship hour. The church presented a set of golf clubs to the pastor, a watch to Mrs. Mullis, a plaque commemorating their years of service at Emmanuel, a memory book and a monetary gift.

A meal, provided by the ladies of the church, was served in the fellowship hall following the service. Approximately 60 members and friends attended the reception. Also attending were Director of Missions the Rev. Robert Carter and his wife, Juanita.

Scholarships presented

The Mexican Honorary Commission and Mexican Honorary Commission of Granite City have announced the names of recipients of \$1,000 scholarships presented through the Granite City Scholarship Foundation.

The Foundation's goal is to assist qualified students to further their education and to become more valuable citizens.

Scholarships were awarded to Stephanie Marie Brandt, who will be attending Eastern Illinois University, Charleston, majoring in sports medicine; Brenda Fritzsche, who will be attending St. Louis University, majoring in biology/premedicine; and Angela Ochoa, who will be attending Belleville Area College.

The Mexican Honorary Com-



Fritzsche, Brandt, and Ochoa.

mission Ladies Auxiliary was awarded to Connie Lynn Meyers, who will be attending Rolla school of mines majoring in engineering.

Ochoa

Two complete reading training

Roberta Dallas of Granite City and Sharon Bilheimer of St. Louis, both teachers for the Madison School District, have successfully completed a full-time, year-long training program to become Reading Recovery teachers.

Reading Recovery is a program that identifies the bottom 20 percent of first-grade students, and in the range of 12 to 16 weeks, advances them to average or better reading students through one-on-one instruction. The program has been successful 91 percent of the time in the United States.

Goclan honored at DePaul

Julie Goclan, a 1993 Granite City High School graduate, was named the 1996-97 DePaul University Women's Soccer Most Valuable Player and recipient of the Jean Nordberg Memorial Award.

The Jean Nordberg Memorial Award is given to those scholar-athletes in recognition of excellence in leadership, personal character and academics.

Goclan received her awards at the Blue Demon's annual athletic banquet, held at the Hyatt Regency in Chicago on June 6.

This fall, Goclan was named as the first captain of the soccer team for the inaugural season. She is among the student-athletes nominated for "Who's Who Among College Students" and was named to the Conference USA Commissioner's honor roll.

Goclan graduated from DePaul University with honors on June 15 at DePaul's 99th annual commencement, held at the Rosemont Horizon in Chicago.

She received her bachelor of science degree in chemistry from the college of liberal arts and sciences.

After a tour of Europe, Goclan plans to attend graduate school in the fall.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Goclan of Granite City and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Skubish and the late Mr. and Mrs. Goclan of Madison.

Pre-school program open

The Granite City Park District is currently enrolling children in its pre-school program for the 1997-98 school year.

Classes meet twice weekly at the Harold Brown Recreation Center. The classes are for children who will be 4 years old before Sept. 1. This coincides with the registration age for children in the public school system at Granite City.

The cost for the school year is \$95 for park district residents and \$125 for non-residents, payable at the time of registration. The fee covers the cost of supplies and daily refreshments throughout the year.

Birth certificates and proof of residence are required at the time of registration. Registration is being taken at the Wilson Park office.



Pictured from left at the local level competition of the Knights of Columbus spelling bee are: Tara Webb, first place; spelling coach Alissa Bosslet; Erin Tyler, second place; and Staci Marler, third place.

HF students win spelling bee

Holy Family School students performed well at the recent Knights of Columbus spelling bee.

Knights of Columbus 1098 hosted the local and regional contests.

Holy Family students, coached by Alissa Bosslet, took first through sixth place at the local bee. Tara Webb finished in first place, Erin Tyler second and Staci Marler third at the local level, advancing to the regional competition.

Students from Alton, Maryville, Edwardsville, Bethalto, Highland and Brussels also competed at the regional level. Webb finished first and Tyler took second at that level of competition, advancing to the state spelling bee held at the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana.

Krinski honored at nursing school

Casey Krinski, a 1994 graduate of Granite City High School, was honored by the University of Missouri at Columbia as the Outstanding Undergraduate Student of the Sinclair School of Nursing.

The award is given to a student who displays overall excellence in academics, campus and community involvement, achievement and leadership potential.

Krinski has participated in the university's honors program, has made the dean's list each semester and is a member of both Phi Eta Sigma national honor society and the Golden Key national honor society.

Krinski has served as a nursing ambassador for the university and was selected as the 1996-97 outstanding member of Kappa Delta sorority, for which she serves as vice president. She is the scholarship chairman of Mizuho's Panhellenic Council and is a Greek community board justice.

She has been selected to be a counselor for the 1997 sorority rush and has been initiated into Rho Lambda, a sorority honoring outstanding Greek achievement.

She is the daughter of Tom and Pat Krinski.



Sister Angelene, left, principal at Holy Family School, stands with winners Tara Webb, center, and Erin Tyler.

Target presents 26 \$1,000 scholarships

Target stores in the St. Louis area presented \$26,000 in scholarship awards to 26 high school seniors on June 22 as part of the company's All-Around Scholarship program.

The recipients in the St. Louis-area are among 1,461 students recognized for their outstanding leadership in community, family and school programs. The Target All-Around Scholarship awards \$1,500 to students nationwide who have demonstrated an ability to contribute to their communities in all aspects of life, not necessarily for academic or athletic achievement exclusively.

The recognition ceremonies were held on June 22 at Busch Stadium in St. Louis.

Following is a list of Metro east students who were recognized at the award ceremony:

Amanda Sollmon, Granite City; Natalie Lyn Warhooover, Althoff; Andrea Martin, Marquette; Sangesta Kumar, Granite City; Amy Linafelter, Edwardsville.

All the recipients were selected by a committee from the Citizen's Scholarship Foundation of America. Awards were based on the following criteria: length of time and hours of community or volunteer service, volunteer leadership awards and honors, an appraisal by volunteer supervisor or leader, an essay on volunteer service, and a grade point average of at least 2.0.

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OBITUARIES

Candler, Mary V.
MARY V. CANDLER, 63, of Granite City, formerly of Shipman, died at 5:15 p.m. Monday, June 30, 1997, at Colonadades Nursing Home following a ten-year illness. She was born June 6, 1934, in Edwardsville.

Mrs. Candler resided in Granite City from 1922 to 1968. Shipman from 1968 to 1987 and Granite City since 1987. She retired from the Granite City Army Depot (Melroe Price Support Center) as a secretary and was a member of Zion Lutheran Church and Order of the Eastern Star in Shipman. White Shrine in Granite City and D.A.R. Survivors include one brother, Robert B. Candler Jr., of Midwest City, Okla.; and one nephew, Michael Christopher of Gorman, Okla. She was preceded in death by her parents, Robert B. Sr. and Henrietta (Kah) Candler, and her twin sister, Ruth Christopher, who died in 1965.

No visitation or services were held. The body was gifted to St. Louis University Medical School. Memorials are suggested to Zion Lutheran Church, West 4th and Virginia streets, St. Louis. Arrangements were handled by David Funeral Home, 21st and Cleveland, Granite City.

Vivod, Rose M.
ROSE M. (HENRY) VIVOD, 73, of Mountain Grove, Mo., formerly of Granite City, died at 9 p.m. Monday, June 30, 1997, at her residence following a six-month illness. She Oct. 26, 1923, in Racine, Wis., was a resident of Granite City from 1923 to 1968.

1965 to 1990. Mrs. Vivod retired as a driver for Hertz Car Rental. She was a member of A.A.R.P. and of the Catholic Ladies Guild.

Survivors include one son, Walter V. Vivod of Granite City; one daughter, Tina Smith of Mountain Grove, Mo.; one brother, Walter Henry of Gulfport, Mo.; one sister, Mary Jane Demming of St. Peters, Mo.; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Douglas G. Vivod, who died in 1980; and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Henry C.

Visitation will be from 1:30 to 2 p.m. Saturday, July 12, at Davis Funeral Home, 21st and Cleveland, Granite City. A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. July 12 at the funeral home. The body was gifted to St. Louis University Medical School.

Memorials are suggested to the American Cancer Society. **McElroy, Johnnie C.**
JOHNNIE C. McELROY, 21, of East St. Louis died Wednesday, June 25, 1997, at St. Mary's Hospital in East St. Louis.

Mr. McElroy was a native of East St. Louis. Survivors include his mother, Evelyn Andrews of East St. Louis; his stepfather, Henry Bennett of St. Louis; one daughter, Soarra McElroy of St. Louis; one son, Darlene McElroy of East St. Louis; five sisters, Tanya and Carla McElroy, Genise Hollins and Constance Bennett, all of East St. Louis; and Angela McEl-

roy of Madison; and three brothers, Cortez Bennett of St. Louis, and Earnest McElroy and Timothy Moody, both of East St. Louis. Services were Tuesday, July 1, at Office Funeral Home, 2114 Missouri Avenue, East St. Louis. Burial was in Sunset Gardens of Memory Cemetery, Millstadt.

Lawhorn, Joseph Amos
JOSEPH AMOS CARLIN LAWHORN, 47, of Swanwick, located off Illinois 13 south of Belleville near Coulterville, died Monday, June 30, 1997, at his residence.

Mr. Lawhorn was a member of Troy United Pentecostal Church. Survivors include his wife, Velda (Fritchley) Lawhorn, whom he married June 15, 1968; one son, Joseph C. Lawhorn of Troy; three daughters, Joanne and Brenda Lawhorn, both of Troy, and Lisa Pulliam of Granite City; one brother, Randall Lawhorn of Swanwick; two grand-children; two step brothers and two step sisters.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Amos and Dorothy Boyce Lawhorn. Services are at 2 p.m. today, Thursday, July 3, at Lake View Funeral Home, Fairview Heights, with burial at 4 p.m. at Fairview Heights. Burial will be in Lake View Memorial Gardens, Fairview Heights. Memorials are suggested to Troy United Pentecostal Church.

Benefit planned

An all-day benefit for Lonnie Bell, 19, of Troy will be held Friday, July 4, at the hotel stand in Tri-Township Park off Illinois 162. Bell is a paraplegic as the result of a Dec. 28 auto accident. For information, call 667-6681.

Power

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to plan ahead in case it does happen," said Richard Moore, Granite City regional manager for Illinois Power. He said IP began developing its contingency plan in April.

The plan is necessary because a number of power stations operated by various utility companies throughout the Midwest are not in operation. During planned outages, IP will shut down electricity in a temporary power plant is operating at less than full capacity due to a fire.

"It is really a unique situation," Moore said, adding that Clinton may be back on-line before the traditional peak electrical demand period of late July/early August. Demand is usually highest between 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. at that time of year, Moore said.

The off-line power plants could cause two problems: inability to meet demand and/or inability to transmit enough electricity from other sources over existing transmission lines.

Moore said IP has executed contracts with other electricity generating companies to provide additional megawatts of power and 500 megawatts of transmission space in the event of an emergency.

"If we are to have a circumstance, we could possibly run into a situation where we would be unable to import (electricity)," Moore said. IP's contingency plan has three phases, Moore said.

In the first phase, IP would declare "conservation days"

"That hasn't happened here and we're going to act on our system before it gets to that level and quite frankly we don't expect that to happen."

— Richard Moore
IP official

and request customers to voluntarily cut back on consumption.

But if supply capacity runs low, planned outages will occur. During planned outages, IP will shut down electricity in a temporary power plant is operating at less than full capacity due to a fire.

"It is uncertain whether we will have to go into a planned outage," Moore said. IP will not black out power to hospitals, police and fire stations, nursing homes or the regional wastewater treatment plant, but will temporarily cut electrical service to homes and businesses until demand can be met, Moore said.

Granite City has been divided into about 25 "blocks" where IP would shut down power for 2- to 2½-hour periods, if necessary. Power would be shut down and restored in the blocks on a rotating basis until the emergency passes, Moore said.

Moore said IP has been in contact with emergency service agencies to prepare plans and develop lines of communication.

IP will be able to give city emergency services warning only a few minutes prior to the blackouts, Ray Schultz, director of emergency services for Granite City, said.

Schultz warned that the temporary outages will cause

nightmares for street department workers because lift stations linking the city's sewers, which run on electricity, will lose power at the same time homes and businesses do.

Moore said that published reports that more serious problems could be caused in homes with medical equipment such as ventilators without backup batteries or generators are exaggerated and inaccurate, and that IP is in the process of notifying customers on at-home life-support systems of the plan so that they may prepare for possible emergencies.

He said that customers should be able to remain cool during a two-hour planned outage if they keep the doors shut and pull the shades on windows. "That's why we designed it in two-hour increments," Moore said.

The third — and least likely — phase of the IP plan calls for the company to take transmission lines out of service to protect the region from "cascading brownouts" such as those experienced in the West-ern U.S. in recent years.

"That hasn't happened here and we're going to act on our system before it gets to that level and quite frankly we don't expect that to happen," Moore said.

•Celebration

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ever seen," said Dave Polivick, director of parks and recreation for the Granite City Park District. "We encourage everyone to come out and enjoy this wholesome, family-oriented event. I guarantee you won't be disappointed."

The carnival games and rides opened last night. There will be a matinee today from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. and another Sunday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, July 5, will feature, with unlimited rides for those who purchase a \$7 arm band.

The Country Music Machine is scheduled to perform on the Centennial Park stage from 7 p.m. to midnight. The Granite City Community Band will perform from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. tomorrow, followed by the Dixie Jazz Kings at 5 p.m.

The highlight of the celebration will be a performance by Grammy and Dove Award-winning "Fire Call" at the "Patriots in the Park" stage at Coolidge Middle School beginning at 6:30 p.m. Friday. The "First Call" concert, being sponsored by local churches and businesses, will be featuring patriotic historical figures and a 100-voice patriotic choir made up of vocalists from area churches and directed by Carolyn Jenkins and Don Stratton.

The spectacular fireworks display, with music, will follow the stage show at about 9:15 p.m. tomorrow. But the celebration does not end there. Music, rides and more will continue through the weekend.

The Sanantonios will perform on the Centennial stage at 5 p.m. Saturday and the music and comedy of Jeff and Lori will be featured Sunday at 5 p.m.

Arrangements will be made with several departments expected to participate, will begin at 11 a.m. Sunday on State Street between Wilson Park and Granite City High School.

•Plan

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below the bluffs. Edwardsville decided to take the property to provide water and other services to a proposed 2,800-acre industrial park development to be located just north of Interstate 270 from Illinois 111 to Illinois 157.

Any objections to Mitchell's incorporation plan must be filed in court by today.

By law, Mitchell must obtain permission to incorporate from neighboring municipalities unless the village has at least 7,500 voters within its proposed boundaries.

Selph said several area cities and villages are currently negotiating with developers on other proposed projects, such as a 600-acre tax increment financing project. Granite City has proposed along Illinois 157, inside the proposed Mitchell boundary. Much of the area Mitchell plans to incorporate is located in the city's proposed Tri-Township.

"By putting in another layer of government, we could quite possibly cause delays that could lose the development," Selph said, adding that the additional jobs that could be created will benefit the entire area.

Selph said the Mitchell plan also eliminates any opportunity his city has to grow. "The proposed Mitchell boundary literally hems us in about the only area we have to grow," Selph said. "They shut us off to the north and they've gone all the way to the Mississippi River."

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Madison Mayor John Hamm, whose city has proposed annexing much of Gabaret and Chouteau Island and has an agreement with the Mitchell Fire Department to provide fire protection to the area around the old Chain of Rocks Bridge, said his city does not necessarily oppose the Mitchell plan.

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Hartford plans first 4th of July celebration

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HARTFORD — Organizers hope a tradition will begin with the village's first Fourth of July Celebration, which kicks off Thursday morning with a patriotic parade and continues with events at Seventh Street Park.

Village Trustee Nancy Thornburgh is one of many volunteers who have helped plan the affair.

"We would like to try to do it every year," she said. The celebration starts with the parade, beginning at 10 a.m. near the corner of Rand and Delmar avenues. The parade route will take participants south on Delmar to the park.

Thornburgh said the procession will include a color guard, vehicles from local fire departments, the Shriners' Rolling

Nobles mini-cars, clowns, horses, local softball teams and floats from school DARE programs. The parade also will feature the mayor and trustees riding in floats, a bake sale, local car clubs and dunking booths provided by the Hartford Fire Department.

A watermelon-eating contest and cutest baby contest are planned, and an award will be given for best patriotic costume.

The event, which is alcohol-free, will end at 4 p.m., Thornburgh said.

— From The Telegraph

FUNERAL SUMMARY

CONRAD, JO-ANN L. (MILLS), 68, of Granite City, died at 4 p.m. Friday, June 27, 1997, at her residence.

Services were Monday, June 30, at St. Elizabeth Catholic Church in Granite City with the Rev. Thomas Liebler officiating. Burial was in Holy Cross Cemetery, Fairview Heights.

Memorials are suggested to Masses of the American Cancer Society.

Arrangements were handled by Irwin Chapel, 3960 Maryland Road, Granite City. CUVAR, MARTIN "RED", 82, of Edwardsville died at 6:10 a.m. Sunday, June 29, 1997, at University Manor Nursing Home in Edwardsville follow-

ing a lengthy illness. Services were Monday, July 1, at Thomas Mortuary, 2205 Pontoon Road, Granite City, with the Rev. Mark Maynard, pastor of Calvary Pentecostal Church, officiating. Burial was in Sunset Hill Memorial Gardens, Glen Carbon.

Memorials are suggested to FOREMAN, CLIFFORD R., 77, of Mitchell died Sunday, June 29, 1997, at his residence.

Services were Tuesday, July 1, at Wm. Chapel for Funeral Home, 3939 Lake Drive, Pontoon Beach, with the Rev. Mullens officiating. Burial was in Valley View Cemetery, Edwardsville.

Memorials are suggested to Special Obituary Arrangements in Memory of Clifford Foreman. FRIEDMAN, JACK, 75, of Town and Country, Mo., formerly of Granite City, died Sunday, June 29, 1997, in Town and Country, Mo.

Graveside services were Tuesday, July 1, at United Hebrew Cemetery, 7855 Canton Avenue, St. Louis.

Memorials are suggested to the Kidney Foundation.

Arrangements were handled by Irwin Chapel, 3960 Maryland Road, Granite City.

Services were Wednesday, June 25, at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 3400 Maryland Road, Ark. Burial was in Pine Lawn Cemetery, Brooklyn, Ark.

Memorials are suggested to Masses of the Magna Bank in Granite City.

Arrangements were handled by Wm. Chapel, 3939 Lake Drive, Pontoon Beach. O'DELL, THELMA I., 81, of Bull Shoals, Ark., died at 11:40 p.m. Saturday, June 28, 1997, at her residence following a one-year illness.

Services were Wednesday, July 2, at Wm. Chapel for Funeral Home, 3939 Lake Drive, Pontoon Beach, with the Rev. John Gamblin officiating. Burial was in St. John's Cemetery, Granite City.

Memorials are suggested to

Arrangements were handled by Irwin Chapel, 3960 Maryland Road, Granite City. JOHNSON, CATHERINE M. (BERRY), 77, of Granite City, died at 7:27 a.m. Thursday, June 26, 1997, at her residence.

A memorial service was held Saturday, June 28, at Irwin Chapel, 2601 Madison Avenue, Granite City.

Boecker and Jinna Johnson officiating. The body was cremated.

KELLEY, MARJORIE "BERNICE" (HAMM), 82, of Pontoon Beach died at 11:30 p.m. Thursday, June 26, 1997, at her residence.

Services were Monday, June 30, at Irwin Chapel, 3960 Maryland Road, with the Rev. Peggy Duncan-Wood officiating. Burial was in Lake View Memorial Gardens, Fairview Heights.

Memorials are suggested to Madison County Hospice.

MOTHE, RAYMOND "DOC", 57, of Pontoon Beach died at 10:30 p.m. Friday, June 20, 1997, at Memorial Medical Center in Springfield.

Services were Wednesday, July 2, at Wm. Chapel for Funeral Home, 3939 Lake Drive, Pontoon Beach, with the Rev. John Gamblin officiating. Burial was in St. John's Cemetery, Granite City.

Memorials are suggested to

Hospice of the Ozarks, 701 Burnett Drive, Mountain Home, Ark. 72653. PATAKY, LADISLAV "LES-TER", 74, of Caveville died at 11:15 a.m. Wednesday, June 25, 1997, at Jerseyville Health Care Center.

Services were Saturday, June 28, at Crawford-Holden Funeral Home, 712 W. County Road 74, of Caveville, with the Rev. Simon A. Simon officiating. Burial was in Newbern Cemetery.

Memorials are suggested to Dow Southern Baptist Church. SIMS, JACQUELINE (BOY-ER), 41, of Lake St. Louis, Mo., formerly of Granite City, died Thursday, June 19, 1997, at her residence.

Services were Saturday, June 21, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Burial was in Our Lady Cemetery, Dardenne, Mo.

Arrangements were handled by Baue Funeral Home, 311 Wood Street, Jerseyville, with the Rev. Simon A. Simon officiating. Burial was in Newbern Cemetery.

Services were Saturday, June 28, at Kassy Mortuary Chapel, 9900 St. Clair, Fairview Heights.

Services were Wednesday, July 2, at Tri-City Park Tabernacle Assembly of God Church, 3400 Maryland Road, Granite City, with the Rev. Archie Strong officiating. Burial was in St. John's Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon.

Arrangements were handled by Irwin Chapel, 3960 Maryland Road, Granite City.

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Arrangements were handled by Irwin Chapel, 3960 Maryland Road, Granite City.

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Welch-50 years

Mr. and Mrs. William "Bill" E. Welch marked their Golden Wedding anniversary with the celebration of a private Mass at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows June 29, 1987.

The couple renewed their nuptial vows in front of a gathering of family and friends in The Christ the King Chapel with the Rev. Thomas R. Liebler, pastor of St. Elizabeth's Parish in Granite City, officiating. The music was provided by Thomas Schmitt.

Immediately following the Mass, a private reception dinner was held in the Tom Dooly Center at the Shrine.

Bill Welch and the former Rose Mary Koehler were united in marriage June 28, 1947, at Saint Augustine Catholic Church in St. Louis. Bill was raised in Madison, and Rose Mary was brought up in St. Louis. They met while roller skating at the Arena Roller Rink.

Bill has been retired from the Norfolk and Western Railroad, formerly the Nickle Plate Railroad, since 1980. Rose Mary, formerly employed by a printing company in St. Louis, became a homemaker and the mother of three children.

Mr. and Mrs. Welch are the parents of one daughter, Ruth Marie Welch of Granite City; and two sons, David W. Welch of O'Fallon, Mo., and Bill R. Welch of Granite City.

There are nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Mr. and Mrs. Welch currently reside in Granite City.



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William Welch

ANNIVERSARIES

Tessmer-50 years

Robert and Charlotte Tessmer of Granite City celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Saturday, June 28, 1987, with an open house at the home of their daughter, Diane Harrison. There were 60 people who helped them celebrate.

Robert Tessmer and the former Charlotte Alexander were married June 27, 1947, at The First Presbyterian Church of Granite City by the Rev. Ralph Lynn.

Ethel Wornack of Las Vegas, Lorraine Gilmore of Collinsville and Dolores Naglich of Granite City were the attendants at Robert and Charlotte's wedding.

Robert retired Aug. 1, 1987, from Pfizer, Inc., of East St. Louis after 40 years as a chief chemist. He was a veteran of World War II.

Charlotte worked at the Granite City Army Depot (Melvin Price Support Center) as a printer for 11 years before retiring to be a homemaker.

The have one daughter, Diane Harrison, and one grandson, Christopher Harrison, both of Granite City. They were guardians to a niece, Judith Mendica Blives of St. Louis.



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Mr. and Mrs.
Robert Tessmer

Mr. and Mrs. John Peirson

Peirson-60 years

John and Hazel Peirson of Granite City celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary May 15.

Mr. Peirson and the former Hazel Rippy were married May 15, 1927, at Niedringhaus United Methodist Church in Granite City by the Rev. Roy N. Kean.

John worked 40 years as a construction laborer through Laborers Local 287 and 10 years at Granite City Street Department. He retired on Aug. 25, 1978. He is a resident of Granite City. Hazel is currently a resident at Colonial Care Center in Granite City.

They are the parents of two sons, Gordon L. and David L. Peirson, both of Granite City.

There are eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.



Hornberger-Million

Jamie Mercer and Stanley Marmuziewicz Jr.

Dawn Maria Hornberger and Darrell Lee Million were married May 23, 1987, at the Madison County Courthouse in Edwardsville.

The bride is the daughter of Christine and Dan Hornberger of Granite City. A 1986 graduate of Granite City High School and current part-time student at Sanford Brown College, she is employed by Sears Logistic Service of Granite City as a customer service representative.

The groom is the son of Amos and Minnie Million of Madison. A 1982 graduate of Madison High School, he is employed by Lanter Company of Granite City as a heavy equipment operator.

Sandy Morrison of Pontoon Beach, friend of the bride and groom, was the maid of honor. Thomas Morrison of Pontoon Beach, friend of the bride and groom, was the best man.



Dawn Hornberger and Darrell Million

A reception was held at the Madison VFW Hall. The couple resides in Granite City.

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THE LAW AND YOU

By RICK REED
Attorney At Law



When a person is involved in an auto accident, often that individual will have to make a decision regarding whether he will settle the case or take the case to trial. The majority of cases in this country settle prior to trial. A recent case will help illustrate the considerations involved in making this decision.

In this case, a forty-three year old woman (the plaintiff) was sitting in her vehicle at a stop sign when she was rear-ended by another car. She sustained whiplash injuries to the neck and back. She was a self-employed hairdresser at the time of the accident, and she missed approximately two months of work because of her injuries. The plaintiff's total lost wages in this case were approximately \$3,000.

Following the accident, the plaintiff treated with a chiropractor for approximately four months. The total medical bills in this case, including the emergency room visit and the chiropractic treatment, were in the amount of \$4,000.

At the conclusion of the treatment, the insurance company offered \$12,000 to settle this case. The plaintiff's question was whether she should settle short of trial or leave her fate in the hands of a jury. She had hoped for a better offer, but she really did not want to go to court in this matter.

Although a jury would possibly award her more money, she was made aware that it normally takes two to three years to get a case like this to trial. In addition, it was pointed out that this was strictly a soft tissue case without any long term hospitalization and without any surgery. Certainly the worse a person is hurt, the more they can expect from a jury.

Given all the considerations in this matter, the plaintiff decided to settle this case without the necessity of litigation. It is obvious from this set of facts that matters like this can be handled on a case by case basis.

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WEDDINGS

Marmuziewicz

-Mercer

Jamie Lynn Mercer and Stanley Jon Marmuziewicz Jr. were married Nov. 16, 1986, at First Assembly of God Church in Granite City by the Rev.

Randol Mercer. The bride is the daughter of Terry and Candy Mercer and granddaughter of Faye Mercer, all of Granite City. A 1982 graduate of Granite City High School, she is employed by National General Motors Insurance Company in Earth City as a sales support representative.

The groom is the son of Stan Marmuziewicz of Davison, Mich., and Sandra Hecht of

Barbeau, Mich. A 1983 graduate of Davison High School and currently working toward an associate's degree in computer science, he is employed by the U.S. Army as a staff sergeant.

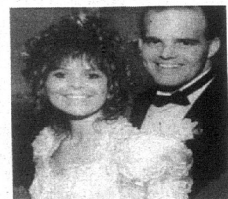
Karen Springman of Granite City, friend of the bride, was the matron of honor. The bridesmaids were Kim and Shawna Mercer of Granite City, sisters of the bride, and Heather Mercer of Edwardsville, cousin of the bride.

The best man was Lindie Simpson of Granite City, friend of the groom. The groomsmen were Mark Mercer of Granite City, brother of the bride, and Jeff Thomas and Kendal Brooks of Granite City, friends of the groom.

The flower girl was Krysti Mercer of Wood River, cousin of the bride. The ringbearer was Joe Sherbino of Davison, Mich., nephew of the groom.

Ushers were Bart and Brad Mercer of Granite City. A reception was held at the Amvets Hall in Madison.

Following a wedding trip to Disneyworld and Clearwater Beach, Fla., the couple resides in Granite City.



Jamie Mercer and Stanley Marmuziewicz Jr.

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Pat Heston
SWC ouster lingers on for Lincoln

Call it the continuing saga of the Southwestern Conference and East St. Louis Lincoln. Both the District 189 school board and the SWC probably wish the whole fiasco would suddenly and forever go away. That's not too likely, though, as those who've been hurt by this tragedy of errors seek to keep the issue alive and well. Charges of racism from both sides raise questions as to the purity of motives by either side. I have been told, by those who have lived in and around East St. Louis all their lives, and who have close ties to the decision makers, that the East St. Louis school board, dominated by Lincoln loyalists with their own agenda which may or may not be in the school's best interest, removed the city's school attendance line with an ulterior motive. Perhaps, as some have suggested, a racial motive. One person called it "a not so veiled power play to get Lincoln what for so many years was denied it, when it was the black school in town and East Side was the white school."

My wish is that such is not the case. Of course, my wish also is that Geraldine Jenkins, the East St. Louis school board president, would return my calls. But, as of yet, that has not happened. But, if this is true, it is a tragedy. I freely confess that I do not understand the prejudice, oppression and unfairness that was for too long a staple item of life in the black community. I want to understand and I try to understand. But, in truth, I cannot understand — at least, not in the way those understand who were victims of prejudice and who suffered under unfairness and oppression for so long. After all, I am not black. I am white. At the same time, I believe that no amount of right done in the present and future can make up for the amount of wrong done in the past. I'm not sure the scales can ever be balanced. But, that's no reason not to try. And that's certainly no reason to do unto others as they once did unto you. If I remember correctly, I think what the Bible said was, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you" (Luke 6:31). Seeking revenge, even subtly or subconsciously, has an insidious way of making us participants in the very things we claim to hate. If this side of the story is true, then shame on the East St. Louis school board. Others, with long-time connections to the area and the Southwestern Conference, question whether the SWC's decision to bounce Lincoln from its ranks was as pure and simple as it appears at first glance. One in-the-know person informed me that some key individuals had told him that the conference was coming under persistent pressure from parents who didn't want their kids playing at Lincoln and didn't want to have to travel there themselves, particularly at night. I meet that kind of reaction often in my job. When people ask what schools I cover other than Granite City, I tell them I also cover Mason, Venice, East Side and Lincoln. "You mean you have to go there — at night?" is a rather stock response. Yes, I go there — at night. Yes, I go there — by myself. Yes, I park my car in the lot and go off and leave it. Yes, I walk, don't run, to my parking place after the game. Yes, I stop before, during and after the game to chat with the fans. What is it with racial stigmas, anyway? You'd think, eventually, as educated as we are, we'd be smart enough not to buy into a bunch of aging, ignorant lies. But, as it has been, so it continues to be. The SWC officials with whom I have spoken call such a suggestion ludicrous. They did not bow to pressure from anyone. (See HESTON, Page 2B)

Making tracks

Dragsters get fast introduction to Gateway International

By Patrick C. Heston
 Staff writer

The operative word at last Friday's qualifying round for the inaugural NHRA Sears Craftsman Nationals at Gateway International Raceway was "fast."

"I don't think that we were prepared for how quick this track really is," said eventual Pro Stock Car runner-up Jim Yates of Alexandria, Va. "There are certain tracks where you know you're going to go fast — Topeka, Dallas — and I think this track will get that reputation in short order. We tested here three weeks ago, went seven seconds flat, and knew the track would take all the power we could give it."

Yates qualified for the No. 1 slot on Friday after an afternoon rain shower had dropped temperatures to nearly ideal conditions. His time of 6.975 was a new track record.

Yates was defeated in the final race by Warren Johnson of Carlsbad, Calif. Johnson, the No. 2 qualifier, had a reaction time of 0.429 seconds to 0.456 for Yates. That made the difference, as Yates was faster down the track, seconds flat, and points leader Gary Scelzi of Fresno, Calif., 4.739 seconds to 4.784 seconds. Amato raced down the quarter-mile track at



(Staff photo by JOHN FRES)

A Federal-Mogul dragster smokes his tires on the way to the starting line during competition at the Sears Craftsman Nationals last weekend. The race drew more than 100,000 fans to Gateway International Raceway over four days.

Car competition for the first time, finished a disappointing 31st in a time of 7.159, with a top speed of 185.31 mph. In Top Fuel competition, Joe "Zero Or Hero" Amato of Exeter, Pa., the No. 2 qualifier, handily defeated top qualifier and points leader Gary Scelzi of Fresno, Calif., 4.739 seconds to 4.784 seconds. Amato raced down the quarter-mile track at

306.43 mph. Amato earned his nickname due to three race victories and three first-round losses this season. He came out the victor on Sunday at Gateway. Amato, 52, after a slow start Friday, disposed of Larry Dixon, Shelly Anderson and Scott Kalitta to reach the finals against Scelzi, who still maintains a 195-point lead in the

standings. Funny Car honors went to Ron Capps of Carlsbad, Calif., who won for the first time in only 11 NHRA starts. Capps covered the Gateway quarter-mile in 5.165 seconds (268.81 mph) to 5.655 seconds (210.82 mph) for his opponent, Cruz Pedregon of Camarillo, Calif. "This is awesome, and to do (See DRAGSTERS, Page 3B)

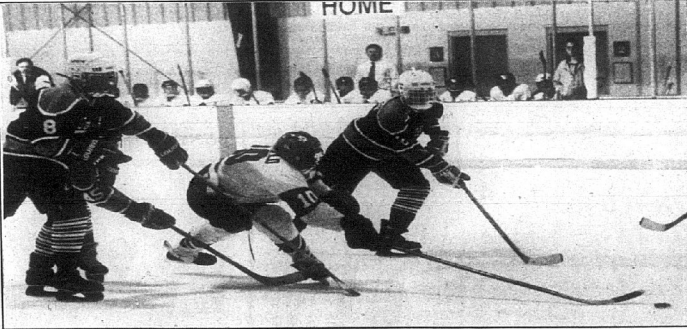
Grapplers in national dual meet

By Patrick C. Heston
 Staff writer

The National Juniors Dual Team Wrestling Meet kicked off Wednesday afternoon at the Vandalabene Center on the campus of Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville.

The meet, which includes both greco and freestyle wrestling, runs through Friday. Thirty-two teams from across the country are competing in freestyle competition, while 24 teams go at it in greco competition. Five Granite City wrestlers are in action.

Richie Carney (98 pounds), Dennis Narvaez (125) and Brooks Narvaez (143) will all be wrestling greco. George Kirgan also qualified, but is at the Olympic Training Center preparing for the World Greco Championships. Kirgan and Brooks Narvaez both qualified for the Illinois state tournament this week with GCHS. Freestyle qualifiers Carney and Brooks Narvaez are joined at SIUE this week by John Kelly (132 pounds) and Matt Werner (143).



(Staff photo by JOHN FRES)

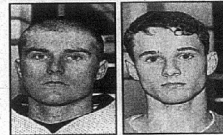
Chris Hatfield gets off a shot between two defenders during the Warriors' opening-round game against Belleville East in the Prairie State Games.

Warriors top Edwardsville, capture Prairie State title

By Patrick C. Heston
 Staff writer

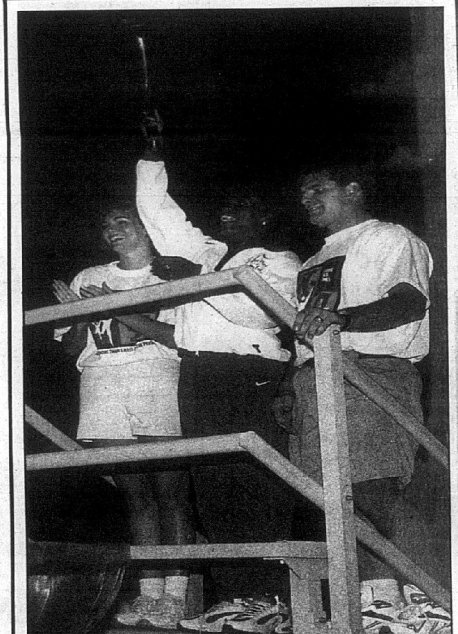
The Granite City Warriors of the Mid-States Club Hockey Association took the long, hard road to the gold medal game of the 14th annual Prairie State Games.

But it was definitely worth the trip. The Warriors, playing in the Douglas Division finals, shut out Edwardsville 8-0 for the gold medal on Sunday. The Tigers were the two-time defending Mississippi Valley Club Hockey Association champions. Granite City dominated the



first period, streaking to a quick 1-0 lead on Dave Miskelley's goal at 8:32. He was assisted by Bobby Harris and Bryan Loftus. The Warriors maintained the lead despite serious penalty

problems late in the first period and most of the way through the second. Edwardsville outshot Granite City 9-4 in period two, but Tony Evans, who had shut out Alton 6-0 in the Warriors' second game, was impregnable. Evans turned away 16 shots on the night. Finally, with 5:08 to play in the third period, Mikal Guffey scored on assists from Todd ago, but he's sure glad that gave Granite City some breathing room. Guffey struck again. (See WARRIORS, Page 3B)



(Photo by MARY BUTRUS)

Let the Games begin — Jackie Joyner-Kersey raises the torch during opening ceremonies at the Prairie State Games last week at SIUE. Joyner-Kersey was joined by Traci Bollinger of East Carondelet and Joe Wier of Fairview Heights.

Robertson's return sparks SIUE surge

By Alan Gerdes
 Staff writer

When no other four-year schools were recruiting Mike Robertson after he left Lewis & Clark Community College two years ago, Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville baseball coach Gary Collins decided to take a chance on the 1993 Duchesne High School graduate. For a while, however, Collins must have thought he made a mistake. Robertson was academically ineligible to play in 1996, and he missed the first 15 games this year with an ankle injury. "At that point," Collins said, "I was wondering if he was ever going to play a game for us. Heck, I told him he had

BASEBALL been here a year and a third, and he hadn't even played a game yet." Collins might have been a little frustrated a few months ago, but he's sure glad that Robertson is on his side now. Once Robertson got into the swing of things midway through the season, there was no slowing down the junior. Robertson, who was moved to the cleanup spot midway through the season, batted .411 with five home runs and 46 RBIs. He also had 16 doubles and six triples en route to honorable mention All-America honors. "He hit a no. He really did have a great offensive year,"

Collins said. "By the end of the year, there was no doubt that he was our best hitter." Thanks in large part to Robertson's red-hot bat down the stretch, SIUE advanced to the Division II College World Series in Montgomery, Ala. In the North Central Region Tournament, Robertson went 5 for 6 in the championship game win over Quincy University and was named the regional's most outstanding player. In the World Series, the Cougars won one game and lost two in the double-elimination tournament. "It was just a great experience. I'll never forget it," said Robertson, who was 5 for 11 in the Series. One thing Robertson would (See ROBERTSON, Page 3B)

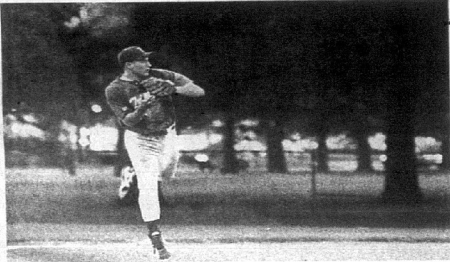


Mike Robertson

- Valmeyer Mid-Summer Classic at Borsch Memorial Park**
- Friday, July 4**
 Game 1: Millstadt vs. O.B. Clark, 9 a.m.
 Game 2: East Alton vs. St. Louis Printers, 11:30 a.m.
 Game 3: Granite City vs. Beckmeier, 2 p.m.
 Game 4: Valmeyer vs. KMOX Metro Collegians, 4:30 p.m.
- Saturday, July 5**
 Game 5: Loser Game 1 vs. Loser Game 2, 9 a.m.
 Game 6: Loser Game 3 vs. Loser Game 4, 11:30 a.m.
 Game 7: Winner Game 1 vs. Winner Game 2, 2 p.m.
 Game 8: Winner Game 3 vs. Winner Game 4, 4:30 p.m.
- Sunday, July 6**
 Consolation: Winner Game 5 vs. Winner Game 6, 10 a.m.
 Third place: Loser Game 7 vs. Loser Game 8, 12:30 p.m.
 Championship: Winner Game 7 vs. Winner Game 8, 3:30 p.m.

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(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)

Dustin Brewer makes a play. Tri-City is scheduled to play at Highland in the first round of the Metro East Tournament of Champions at 10 a.m. today.

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they insist, least of all from a handful of prejudiced parents. But, if they did, shame on the Southwestern Conference. And shame on those parents. I wish there was a way to heal the rift between the District 189 school board and the Southwestern Conference and bring Lincoln back in the SWC. But, my optimism is tempered by realism, and I don't expect it will happen. But, maybe that's for the

best. Maybe, like all ugly scars, this one will not go away. And maybe, hopefully, it will serve as an ever present reminder of what happens when truth gets twisted to serve our own ends. And maybe, the scar will be to our healing, so that such a thing never happens again. One can hope. (Pat Heston is the sports editor of the Granite City Journal.)

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5K race
The 2nd Annual Mud Mountain 5K cross country race is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Aug. 6 at the SIUE cross country course. The course is located south of University Drive. A one-mile fun run will follow the 5K run. Entry forms can be picked at the Running Center of Manchester, Forest Park Fieldhouse, St. Elizabeth Medical Center of Granite City or by calling Jim Price at 636-5834.

Tennis lessons
Tennis lessons are being offered for area residents from 8:30-10 a.m. Monday through Friday for ages 8 to 99. Lessons are sponsored by the Venice Park District and the Madison Recreation Department. Mr. George Smith is the instructor.

Elks '85 tryouts
The Elks '85 girls U-13 soccer team is holding tryouts for the 1997-98 competitive season. The tryouts, for girls born after Aug. 1, 1984, will be held 6 p.m. July 15 and 24 at the Belleville Area College campus in Granite City. All candidates must arrive at least 15 minutes early wearing a white shirt and shin guards. They must bring a size 5 inflated soccer ball, drinking water and a copy of their birth certificate. For more information, call 797-1890.

Snowmonkeys tryouts
The Collinsville United Snowmonkeys boys U-11 team, for players born after Aug. 1, 1986, is holding open tryouts for the 1997-98 competitive/travel soccer season. Tryouts will be held 6-8 p.m. July 15-16 at the Van Fossan Soccer Complex on McDonough Lake Road in Collinsville. Candidates should wear white shirts, shin guards and soccer shoes. Each must bring a properly inflated size 4 soccer ball and drinking water. New players must bring a non-returnable copy of their birth certificate and a small passport type photo. For more information, call

345-0382 or 931-8006.

Independiente tryouts
The Independiente Ladies soccer team will hold tryouts for the 1997-98 competitive season 6:30-8:30 p.m. July 8 and 10 at the Maryville Sports Complex. Girls born on or after Aug. 1, 1983 are eligible. Shin guards, a No. 5 soccer ball, drinking water, a school photo and birth certificate are required. For more information, call 344-2702.

Baker soccer camp
Gene Baker's soccer camp, in its 24th season, will be held July 21-25 at the Belleville Area College complex in Granite City. The camp will run 9 a.m.-noon daily and is for ages 8-18. Game fundamentals, disciplines and habits will be taught. The cost is \$75. To register, or for more information, call (314) 385-2374 or write to 1761 Vista Ridge, St. Louis, Mo., 63138.

Elks '82-83 tryouts
Tryouts for the Elks '82-83 girls soccer team, for players born after Aug. 1, 1981, will be held 6-7:30 p.m. July 3 at the Elks Soccer Complex at EAC in Granite City. For information, call 931-2669 or 877-0314. The Elks '82 girls soccer team will hold tryouts for the 1997-98 select soccer season 5:30-7 p.m. July 6, 7, 27 and 28 at the Elks Sports Complex. Tryouts are open to girls born on or after Aug. 1, 1981. Players should bring shin guards, a No. 5 soccer ball, drinking water, a school photo and a birth certificate. For more information, call 451-1536.

Flo Valley camps
New Florissant Valley Community College basketball coach Larry Graham will offer two sessions of individual fundamentals camps at the Florissant Valley gymnasium, one for grades 3-8 (including incoming ninth graders) and another for high schoolers (including incoming 12th graders). Session 1 runs 10 a.m.-noon July 14-18. Session 2 runs 10 a.m.-noon Aug. 11-15. The

camps will feature fundamentals of individual offense and defense, proper shooting techniques, ballhandling and rebounding, participation in shooting contests and games, team competition and contests against players of similar abilities. Awards will be presented for each age group, and each camper will receive a free camp T-shirt. The camp will be conducted in the gymnasium, located in the physical education building. The cost is \$25 for one session or \$40 for both. A concession area will be open each day and parents are encouraged to watch. For information or to register, call 595-2283.

Football registration
Mathews-Dickey East will hold football registration for children ages 7-14 at Lee Park in Venice. Registration is open to residents of the Tri-City area. Registration will be held noon-2 p.m. July 5, 12, 19 and 26. For more information, call Vincent at 876-4169.

Golf scramble
The Legacy Golf Course, in conjunction with the New Life Evangelistic Center, is sponsoring the Legacy Open Two Person Best Ball tournament July 19-20 at the Legacy. The entry fee is \$60 per golfer and includes greens fees for both days. For more information, call Sandy or Mike at (314) 726-4653 or 931-4653.

Elks '86 tryouts
The Granite Elks 1986 girls soccer team will hold tryouts for players born Aug. 1, 1985 through July 31, 1986. The tryouts will be held at 5 p.m. July 7, 9 and 14 at the Belleville Area College Campus in Granite City. All candidates must arrive wearing white shirts and shin guards, and bring a size 4 soccer ball and water. For more information or for a rain date, call 931-3053 or 931-8207.

Soccer Academy

Bob Warming's St. Louis Soccer Academy will hold several summer camps for boys this year. The Elite Academy, for boys ages 13-19, is scheduled for July 20-24. The Advanced Academy, for boys ages 9-14, meets July 27-31. The Goal Scoring and Goal Keeping Academy, for boys ages 10-19, is July 24-26. The Goalkeeping Specialty Training Academy meets three times — July 20-24, July 24-26, and July 27-31 — and is open to boys ages 10-19. For more information or an application, call (314) 977-3268 or write to St. Louis Soccer Academy, 3672 West Pine Boulevard, St. Louis, Mo., 63108.

Golf tourney
The ninth annual Pontbonne College/Red Schoendienst All-Star Golf Tournament will be held Monday, July 7 at Glen Echo Country Club in St. Louis. The tournament will feature a number of local personalities and several current St. Louis Cardinals players. Proceeds will benefit Pontbonne College. For more information, call Marianne Schanthal at (314) 889-1403.

Basketball Camp
The Saint Louis University Women's Basketball staff is holding a series of basketball camps during June and July. Individual Day Camps are designed to develop each player's fundamental basketball skills and overall playing ability. A session, for grades 7-12 runs July 10-12 and costs \$15 in advance or \$15 at the door (if space is available). The Shooting Camp runs from 5-8 p.m. daily July 9-12. The cost is \$100 pre-registered and \$110 at the door (if space is available). The High School Team Camp is July 17-19. The Team Camp is open to any high school team with seven or more players accompanied by their coach. Each team is guaranteed 10 games. The cost is \$90 per camper. For more information, call (314) 977-3269.

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"Tony Evans goal," said Dave Yurkovich had several but simply could not past him. But than just Evans won this hockey game. Actually, it was the game that the Warriors won the most difficult. The Warriors won the 2-1 loss to then drubbed tying Edwardsville 1-1 record left fourth place, seven of the points in the series. Belleville won the gold medal. Points were periods tied on and for game. What it meant day's game, that the Warriors only win, and win every period. They did exact Granite City lead after one.

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Warriors

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with 1:31 remaining, on assists from Greg Pritchard and Brian Johnson, to make the final score 3-0.

"Tony Evans was superior in goal," said Warriors coach Dave Yurkovich. "Edwardsville had several good chances, but simply could get nothing past him. But, it was more than just Evans. A team effort won this hockey game for us."

Actually, it was getting to the game that proved to be the most difficult task. The Warriors had opened Prairie State competition with a 2-1 loss to Belleville East, then drubbed Alton before tying Edwardsville 2-2. The 1-1 record left Granite City in fourth place, needing to grab seven of the possible nine points in its games against Belleville West just to reach the gold medal game.

Points were awarded for periods tied or won, shutouts, and for games tied or won. What it meant entering Saturday's game against West is that the Warriors had to not only win, and win big, but also win every period.

They did exactly that. Granite City vaulted to a 2-0 lead after one period on goals

by Guffey and Bobby Scott.

West scored less than a minute into period two, but Guffey and Miskelley countered to make it 4-1 with a period to play.

The Warriors and Maroons traded the first four goals of the third period before Harris scored twice in the last 2:17 to give Granite City an 8-3 win and a trip to the finals.

Scott Smith scored the hat trick for West.

Meanwhile, the Warriors had five different players score goals and seven different players pick up assists. Guffey, Harris and Greg Pritchard each scored twice, while Hatfield dished out three assists.

"Our younger players carried us through the first two games when our big players weren't doing the job," Yurkovich said. "But Hatfield came up big in our third game (against Edwardsville), scoring both our goals, and then Guffey came alive in our fourth game (against West), picking up two goals and an assist."

"We couldn't have been in a position to reach the gold medal game if it hadn't been for our freshmen and sophomores doing the job early on," Yurkovich added. "And we couldn't have made it to the gold medal game, let alone have won it, if our juniors and seniors hadn't stepped up when everything was on the line."

"Overall, I was real happy with the performances of all the kids — even those who didn't see a lot of playing time."

Both Yurkovich and Edwardsville coach Dennis Gerling felt that the two best teams played for the gold.

"The two best teams were definitely in the finals," Yurkovich said.

"They're a Mid-States team," Gerling said. "We knew that chances were we would have to play them for the gold medal. We knew it would be a tough game."

The Tigers, like the Warriors, finished the Prairie State Games with a mark of 3-1-1, but both blemishes came at the hands of Granite City.

After the upset loss to East in the first game, the Warriors regrouped to outscore their last four opponents 19-5.

"We started slow," said Yurkovich, "but we came on strong."

Hughes' win closes gap in points chase

Larry Hughes led every lap of the McKay Auto Parts/Bumper To Bumper/Delco Midseason Championship main event at Tri-City Speedway on Saturday, but could not wrest the points lead away from Wayne Downing.

Hughes notched his fourth win of the season and remains in third place for the NASCAR Winston Racing Series Modified championship points battle behind Downing and Ray Walsh. Walsh followed Hughes across the stripe with John Seets, Steve Gritz and Mike Baggett rounding out the top five.

Downing, following a spin on lap seven, battled back to finish sixth. The qualifying heats went to Seets and Walsh.

Pat Ryan won his fifth Busch Series Pro Stock feature of the season, beating John Dickerman, Mark Freeman, Bryan Crouch and Rob Simpson. Dickerman's second-place finish enabled him to retain the championship points lead over Freeman and Ryan. Heats went to Ryan and Rick Johnson.

Max Kirkendall won the crash-strewn Mountain Dew Street Stock main event. B.J. Greber, James Rutherford, Rick Squires and Chad Naylor. Bob Williams, despite a 13th-place finish, kept the points lead over Kirkendall and Squires. Heats went to Dan Pilkington, Greber and Roger Darden, with Stevenson winning the semi.

The Quaker State Short Track Modified main event to Dean Vickers, his fifth win of the season. Tim Barrett, Mark Anderson, Stu Springer and J.R. Benton completed the top five. The win put Vickers atop the points heap, ahead of Benton and Barrett. Johnson and Tom Uley won the heats.

The SKOAL Bandit Racing Sprint Car feature was won by Ricky Logan over Mitchell Moore, Babes Rouland, Rommy Mikels and Tracy Nichols. Logan's win, his third, moved him into second in the points chase behind Bobby Hawks. Logan and Hawks won the qualifiers.

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Funny cars line up in the staging lanes outside the dragstrip at Gateway International.

Dragsters

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it in a first event before a crowd like this, it's something you always remember," said Capps, who won an NHRA national event Top Fuel title in Seattle in 1995. "We had to change engines because we couldn't repair the flywheel after the semifinals. The crew was thrashing, but they were doing a super job and they just told me not to worry."

In the end, they were right. The top four qualifiers reached the semifinals of the Pro Stock Bikes. But top qualifier Matt Hines, the season points leader, jumped the gun against John Smith in the second semifinal heat and was disqualified.

That sent Smith, the fourth qualifier, into the finals against third qualifier Dave Schultz, who defeated No. 2 John Myers.

Schultz, who was heavily favored, couldn't match Smith's 182.09 mph and fell in the finals 7.508 seconds to 7.641 seconds.

In all, it was a great weekend for the NHRA and Gate-

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— Chris Pook
Grand Prix president

way International. In fact, it was a record-setting weekend.

The NHRA estimated attendance at 101,300 fans, including a sellout crowd for Sunday's eliminations. That figure represents the largest attendance at an NHRA inaugural event since the organization sanctioned drag racing in 1955. The previous best figure had been 91,800 at the Penzoil Nationals at Virginia Motorsports Park in Richmond in 1995.

"We are grateful for the tremendous support of the fans in Southwestern Illinois and St. Louis," said Christopher R. Pook, president of Gateway's owner-operator, Grand Prix Association of Long Beach, Calif. "This event again proves what a major motorsports hotbed this area is, and we believe we are only starting to tap the surface of their love of all motorsports."

"When you think it was only a year ago this week that we began serious construction of this facility it is gratifying how quickly the fans have accepted us, and sanctioning bodies like the NHRA and sponsors like Sears have put their faith in us. You always want to have as good a weekend as possible. But to have the biggest first-year attendance in NHRA history is a testament to the product, to the fans and to the work of all those who helped make this event possible."

Next up in Gateway's "Triple Crown Season" is the Gateway 300 NASCAR Busch Series Grand National race July 26.

Robertson

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like to forget was his first semester at SIUE. He was ruled academically ineligible and was forced to sit out the 1996 season.

"I felt bad, not only for myself, but for my family and coach Collins," Robertson said. "It was demoralizing, there's no doubt about it. I was

embarrassed." But rather than dwell too much on the setback, Robertson said he became more committed to the books and baseball. Only 6-0, 155 pounds after leaving Lewis and Clark, Robertson has bulked up to about 185 pounds, thanks in large part to his work in the weight room.

His run production has really jumped," Collins said. "He's always been a good hitter, but now he hits them over the fence instead of through the infield."

"Actually, I benefited from the season," Robertson said. "I got a lot stronger physically, and it made me want to play more mentally." Once Robertson overcame his ankle injury — and some throwing problems from third base — he sure played like a changed man this season.

And he hasn't slowed down a bit this summer. Playing for East Alton in the Mon-Clair League, Robertson was batting around .650 with six home runs through eight games.

"They can't get him out," Collins said.

Collins is expecting much of the same next season from

Robertson, who will likely move to shortstop — his position in high school and junior college.

Robertson made 16 errors this season at third, and Collins estimates 13 were throwing errors.

"He'll get through that throwing (problem)," Collins said. "I think more of that was in his head. He didn't miss many balls. He's got great hands."

"Right now, I'm looking forward to going in and trying to be the starting shortstop," Robertson said.

While Robertson will be counted on to play a key defensive role next season, Collins knows Robertson's bat is his meal ticket — possibly to being selected in the major league baseball amateur draft next June.

"I'm sure glad I have him on my team," Collins said. "There's not many guys at our level who can hit the ball better than him. He could be playing at Division I schools that are probably kicking themselves for passing on Robertson."

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Tri City Assembly of God
SCHEDULE OF SERVICES
SUNDAY
School of the Bible... 9:30 A.M.
Morning Worship... 10:30 A.M.
Children's Church... 10:30 A.M.
Evening Worship... 7:00 P.M.
WEDNESDAY
Tabernacle Today... 5:30 P.M.
(Honor Code Church)
Classes for all ages
Adult Bible Study... 7:00 P.M.
3400 Maryville Rd.
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Sunday School... 9:00am
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Bible Study 9:30 A.M.
Morning Worship 10:45
4000 Hwy. 111
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NewLife Assembly
Sunday School 9:30
Morning Worship 10:30
Sunday Evening 6:00
Thursday Night - Family Nite 7:00
2730 Buxton
Granite City
452-4931

ALTON CINE
2640 Clair St. 462
Face Off (R) 2
Batman & Robin
7:50, 10:20

AVALON
4225 S. Kingshighway
Liar Liar (PG-13)
Anasconda (PG-13)

CHESTERFIELD
595 Chesterfield Mall
Face Off (R) 1
Out To Sea (PG)
7:30, 9:50
Wild America
1:20, 3:40
Con Air (R) 12:00

CLARKSON 6
1785 Clarkson Road
Men in Black (F)
7:50, 9:50
Men in Black (F)
7:50, 10:00
Hercules (G) 1
7:55, 9:15
My Best Friend
12:00, 2:20, 4:40
Batman & Robin
5:00, 7:30, 10:00
Lost World (F)
9:55

CARMIKE PET
170 and Hwy.
344-1708
Face Off (R)
Batman & Robin
7:00, 9:45
Hercules (G)
Men in Black
9:30

CRESTWOOD
248 Crestwood Plaza
Men in Black
7:30, 9:55
Men in Black
8:10, 10:30
Con Air (R)
10:25
Out To Sea (F)
7:40, 10:05
Out To Sea (F)
8:25, 10:35
Batman & Robin
5:30, 8:15, 10:30
Batman & Robin
7:15, 9:50
Brassed Off
Chasing Amy
Addicted To

CREVE COE
10570 Old Olive
My Best Friend
1:40, 4:20, 7:00
Out To Sea
9:50
Batman & Robin
7:00, 9:40

CROSS KEYS
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ENTERTAINMENT

MOVIE SCHEDULE

ALTON CINE

2640 Clair St., 462-1131
Face Off (R) 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, 10:10
Batman & Robin (PG-13) 2:30, 5:10, 7:50, 10:20

AVALLON

4225 S. Kingshighway, 352-2424
Liar Liar (PG-13) 2:30, 5:10, 7:50, 10:20
Anaconda (PG-13) 4:45, 9:15

CHESTERFIELD

586 Chesterfield Mall, 532-0155
Face Off (R) 4:15, 7:00, 9:55
Out To Sea (PG-13) 12:30, 3:00, 5:10, 7:30, 9:50
Wild America (PG) 12:05, 2:15, 5:00, 7:20, 9:40
Con Air (R) 12:00, 2:20, 4:45, 7:00, 9:20

CLARKSON 6 CINE

1785 Clarkson Road, 822-4900
Men In Black (PG-13) 11:30, 1:50, 4:15, 7:30, 9:50
Men In Black (PG-13) 12:30, 3:00, 5:20, 7:50, 10:00
Hercules (G) 11:00, 1:30, 3:15, 5:15, 7:05, 9:15
My Best Friend's Wedding (PG-13) 12:00, 2:20, 4:45, 7:10, 9:40
Batman & Robin (PG-13) 11:45, 2:25, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00
Lost World (PG-13) 1:10, 4:30, 7:20, 9:55

CARMIKE PETITE

178 and Hwy. 157, Collinsville, Ill. 344-1708
Face Off (R) 1:30, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00
Batman & Robin (PG-13) 1:30, 4:45, 7:00, 9:45
Hercules (G) 1:10, 3:20, 7:10, 9:20
Men In Black (PG-13) 1:15, 3:30, 7:15, 9:30

CRESTWOOD PLAZA 10

248 Crestwood Plaza, 988-8000
Men In Black (PG-13) 11:15, 1:45, 5:05, 7:30, 9:55
Men In Black (PG-13) 12:00, 2:30, 5:40, 8:10, 10:30
Con Air (R) 11:40, 2:15, 5:35, 8:00, 10:25
Out To Sea (PG-13) 11:30, 2:00, 5:10, 7:40, 10:05
Out To Sea (PG-13) 12:15, 2:45, 5:50, 8:25, 10:35
Batman & Robin (PG-13) 11:45, 2:30, 5:30, 8:15, 10:40
Batman & Robin (PG-13) 1:30, 4:30, 7:15, 9:50
Brassed Off (R) 1:40
Chasing Amy (PG-13) 5:40, 8:05, 10:20
Addicted To Love (R) 2:15

CREVE COEUR CINE

10570 Old Olive Street Road, 822-4900
Liar Liar (PG-13) 1:00, 3:00, 7:00
Out To Sea (PG-13) 1:50, 5:30, 7:20, 9:50
Batman & Robin (PG-13) 1:30, 4:10, 7:00, 9:40

CROSS KEYS CINEMA

1100 Cross Keys Shopping Center
Lindbergh & New Halls Ferry, 921-9899
Liar Liar (PG-13) 1:00, 3:00, 7:00
Father's Day (PG-13) 5:00, 8:00
The Sixth Man (PG-13) 12:45
Anaconda (PG-13) 3:15, 7:15
Austin Powers (PG-13) 5:15, 9:15

DES PERES 14 CINE

Manchester & I-270, 822-4900
Men In Black (PG-13) 11:30, 2:00, 4:20, 7:00, 9:30
Men In Black (PG-13) 12:00, 2:40, 5:20, 8:00, 10:30
Men In Black (PG-13) 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30
Hercules (G) 12:00, 2:20, 4:35, 7:00, 9:10
Hercules (G) 12:30, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30, 9:40
My Best Friend's Wedding (PG-13) 11:35, 1:55, 4:20, 7:15, 9:50
My Best Friend's Wedding (PG-13) 1:30, 4:20, 6:45
Batman & Robin (PG-13) 9:30
Batman & Robin (PG-13) 11:35, 2:40, 5:30, 8:30
Wild America (PG) 11:45, 2:10, 4:45, 7:20, 9:50
Out To Sea (PG-13) 11:50, 2:20, 5:00, 7:40, 10:10
Lost World (PG-13) 1:45, 7:10
Speed 2 (PG-13) 4:10, 10:00
Face Off (R) 11:30, 2:30, 5:30, 8:30
Face Off (R) 1:15, 4:10, 7:20, 10:20
Con Air (R) 12:45, 4:15, 6:45, 9:15

EASTGATE CINE

Eastgate Plaza, E. Alton, Ill. 254-5289
Men In Black (PG-13) 2:00, 4:45, 7:15, 9:40
Out To Sea (PG-13) 1:45, 4:15, 6:45, 9:10
Con Air (R) 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:10
My Best Friend's Wedding (PG-13) 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 9:50
Hercules (G) 12:00, 2:15, 4:30, 7:00, 9:15
Hercules (G) 1:30, 4:00, 6:30, 8:45

COTTONWOOD EDWARDSVILLE CINEMA

Edwardsville, Ill. 556-6390
Men In Black (PG-13) 2:00, 4:45, 7:15, 9:50
My Best Friend's Wedding (PG-13) 1:15, 3:00, 5:00, 7:30, 9:55
Hercules (G) 12:00, 2:15, 4:30, 6:45, 9:15

ESQUIRE CINE

6700 Clayton Road, 781-3500
Batman & Robin (PG-13) 11:30, 2:00, 5:10, 7:40, 10:05
Out To Sea (PG-13) 12:15, 2:45, 5:50, 8:25, 10:35
Batman & Robin (PG-13) 11:45, 2:30, 5:30, 8:15, 10:40
Batman & Robin (PG-13) 1:30, 4:30, 7:15, 9:50
Brassed Off (R) 1:40
Chasing Amy (PG-13) 5:40, 8:05, 10:20
Addicted To Love (R) 2:15

EUREKA 6 CINE

59 Hittop Village Center, 822-4900
Men In Black (PG-13) 11:45, 2:05, 4:30, 7:00, 9:40
Out To Sea (PG-13) 1:10, 4:40, 7:40, 10:05
Out To Sea (R) 1:20, 4:20, 7:15, 10:05
My Best Friend's Wedding (PG-13) 12:00, 2:30, 5:10, 7:30, 10:00
Batman & Robin (PG-13) 11:25, 2:00, 4:35, 7:10, 9:50
Hercules (G) 11:30, 1:30, 3:30, 5:30, 7:30, 9:30

GALLERIA 6

30 St. Louis Galleria, 721-8722
Hercules (G)
My Best Friend's Wedding (PG-13)
Out To Sea (PG-13)
Wild America (PG) Check theater for times

HALLS FERRY 14 CINE

2600 Target Drive, 822-4900
Out To Sea (PG-13) 12:10, 2:30, 5:00, 7:25, 9:50
Con Air (R) 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:10
Hercules (G) 11:00, 1:15, 3:30, 5:45, 8:00, 10:10
Hercules (G) 12:00, 2:15, 4:30, 7:00, 9:15
Wild America (PG) 11:55, 2:15, 4:40, 7:10, 9:35
Men In Black (PG-13) 11:00, 1:00, 3:20, 5:40, 8:20
Men In Black (PG-13) 11:30, 1:50, 4:10, 7:05, 9:25
Men In Black (PG-13) 12:15, 2:35, 4:55, 7:50, 10:05
Lost World (PG-13) 1:00, 4:05, 7:00, 10:00
My Best Friend's Wedding (PG-13) 12:00, 2:20, 4:50, 7:15, 9:40
Batman & Robin (PG-13) 11:45, 2:45, 5:35, 8:25
Face Off (R) 1:20, 4:20, 7:20, 10:20
Speed 2 (PG-13) 1:15, 4:15, 7:10, 9:55

HIP-POINTE

1001 McCausland, 781-0800
Check theater for shows and times

KELLER PLAZA 8 CINE

Lemay Ferry & Main Ave., 822-4900
Con Air (R) 12:00, 2:35, 5:00, 7:30, 9:50
Con Air (R) 1:15, 4:00, 6:50, 9:20
Men In Black (PG-13) 11:30, 2:00, 4:45, 7:25, 10:10
Men In Black (PG-13) 12:30, 3:00, 5:45, 8:25
Men In Black (PG-13) 1:30, 4:05, 6:45, 9:25
Out To Sea (PG-13) 11:55, 2:20, 4:30, 7:10, 9:30
Batman & Robin (PG-13) 11:45, 2:30, 5:15, 8:00
Batman & Robin (PG-13) 1:00, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45

KENRICK 8 CINE

7505 Watson Road, 822-4900
Hercules (G) 11:45, 2:00, 4:35, 7:00, 9:10
Hercules (G) 12:30, 2:45, 5:30, 7:40, 9:50
Speed 2 (PG-13) 1:15, 7:10
My Best Friend's Wedding (PG-13) 4:20, 9:45
Wild America (PG) 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:35, 9:55
Face Off (R) 12:15, 4:05, 7:05, 10:00
Face Off (R) 1:00, 4:45, 7:45
Lost World (PG-13) 1:50, 4:30, 9:00
My Best Friend's Wedding (PG-13) 11:55, 2:35, 5:25, 8:00

KIRKWOOD CINEMA

338 S. Kirkwood Road, 955-1161
Chief In Love (PG-13) 12:00, 4:00, 8:00
Brassed Off (R) 12:00, 3:45, 7:30
Waiting For Guffman (R) 2:00, 5:45, 9:30
Chasing Amy (R) 2:00, 5:00, 10:00

LINCOLN THEATER

103 E. Main, Belleville, Ill. 253-0123
Liar Liar (PG-13) 1:45, 7:15, 9:15
Anaconda (PG-13) 1:30, 7:15, 9:15
Austin Powers (PG-13) 2:00, 7:10, 9:10

LINDBERGH 8

7545 S. Lindbergh, 487-0017
Father's Day (PG-13) 1:30, 7:30
Grosse Pointe Blank (R) 4:50, 9:50
Jungle 2 Jungle (PG) 1:45, 4:40, 7:15, 9:45
Anaconda (PG-13) 1:40, 4:45, 7:10, 9:30
Scream (R) 1:15, 4:30, 7:05, 9:15
Murder At 1600 (R) 3:10, 5:05, 7:25, 9:55
Liar Liar (PG-13) 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00, 9:30
The Saint (PG-13) 1:35, 5:05, 7:35, 10:00
Austin Powers (PG-13) 1:05, 4:30, 7:50, 9:30

MID RIVERS MALL

1220 Mid Rivers Dr., 278-2779
Lost World (PG-13) 1:30, 4:05, 7:10, 9:55
Out To Sea (PG-13) 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:40, 10:10
Men In Black (PG-13) 12:00, 2:20, 4:50, 7:15, 9:40
Hercules (G) 11:45, 2:00, 4:45, 7:00, 9:15
Batman & Robin (PG-13) 11:30, 2:15, 5:00, 7:45, 10:20
Face Off (R) 12:30, 4:15, 7:20, 10:15

NAMEOKI CINEMA

30 Nameoki Village, 877-8830
Lost World (PG-13) 2:00, 6:45, 9:30
Speed 2 (PG-13) 2:30, 7:15, 10:00

NORTH TWIN DRIVE-IN

9425 Lewis & Clark, 822-4900
Men In Black (PG-13) 9:00
Firm Element (PG-13) 10:05
Batman & Robin (PG-13) 9:00
Wild America (PG) 11:20

NORTHWEST PLAZA 9

Northwest Mall, 822-4900
Men In Black (PG-13) 11:00, 1:30, 4:15, 7:30, 9:50
Men In Black (PG-13) 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00
Men In Black (PG-13) 1:00, 3:15, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30
Batman & Robin (PG-13) 11:30, 2:20, 5:05, 7:45, 10:15
Batman & Robin (PG-13) 12:30, 4:05, 6:45, 9:25
Con Air (R) 12:45, 4:00, 7:00, 9:40
Firm Element (PG-13) 1:30, 4:30, 7:15, 9:30
Out To Sea (PG-13) 11:45, 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30
Face Off (R) 1:00, 4:45, 7:35, 10:15

NORTHWEST SQUARE 10

11150 Old St. Charles Rock Road, 291-0655
Hercules (G) 11:00, 1:30, 3:45, 6:00, 8:15, 10:15
Hercules (G) 11:30, 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:15
Hercules (G) 1:00, 3:15, 5:30, 7:45, 9:55
My Best Friend's Wedding (PG-13) 11:20, 1:55, 4:45, 7:15, 9:40
Buddy (PG-13) 11:50, 1:50, 5:00, 7:15, 9:15, 12:15, 3:35
Gone With the Wind (PG-13) 5:50, 7:55, 10:05
Speed 2 (PG-13) 11:00, 1:50, 5:00, 7:40, 10:20
Wild America (PG) 11:10, 1:45, 5:35, 8:00, 10:20
Lost World (PG-13) 11:15, 5:25, 8:10
Lost World (PG-13) 2:15, 7:45, 10:20

O'FALLON 15 CINE

1200 Central Park Dr., O'Fallon, Ill. 822-4900
Hercules (G) 12:30, 3:00, 6:00, 9:00
Hercules (G) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00
Hercules (G) 11:30, 3:30, 5:45, 8:00
Addicted To Love (R) 12:05, 2:20, 4:35, 7:30, 9:45
Speed 2 (PG-13) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00
Men In Black (PG-13) 12:00, 2:20, 4:40, 7:00, 9:20
Men In Black (PG-13) 12:30, 2:50, 5:10, 7:30, 9:50
Men In Black (PG-13) 1:00, 3:20, 5:40, 8:00, 10:20
Men In Black (PG-13) 1:50, 4:10, 6:30, 8:50
My Best Friend's Wedding (PG-13) 12:00, 2:10, 4:25, 7:05, 9:15
My Best Friend's Wedding (PG-13) 12:45, 2:55, 5:10, 7:50, 10:00
Lost World (PG-13) 12:00, 2:45, 5:30, 8:00
Lost World (PG-13) 1:00, 4:30, 7:15, 10:00
Out To Sea (PG-13) 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:40, 10:10
Out To Sea (PG-13) 1:15, 4:15, 7:25, 9:50

PLAZA CINE 4

Troy, Mo. 828-2070
Face Off (R) 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:20
Men In Black (PG-13) 2:15, 4:30, 7:15, 9:15
Batman & Robin (PG-13) 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:20
Hercules (G) 2:15, 4:30, 7:15, 9:15

QUAD CINEMA

Belleville, Ill. 233-1220
Hercules (G) 11:45, 2:00, 4:15, 6:45, 9:15
Men In Black (PG-13) 11:30, 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 10:00
My Best Friend's Wedding (PG-13) 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 9:45
Batman & Robin (PG-13) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:50

REGENCY SQUARE 8

1056 Regency Parkway, 868-8000
Men In Black (PG-13) 1:45, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45
Men In Black (PG-13) 2:30, 5:45, 8:15, 10:25
Addicted To Love (R) 1:55
Con Air (R) 2:00, 5:00, 7:40, 10:15
Batman & Robin (PG-13) 1:15, 4:00, 7:05, 9:40
Batman & Robin (PG-13) 2:20, 5:35, 8:20, 10:30
Out To Sea (PG-13) 1:30, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30
Out To Sea (PG-13) 2:15, 5:30, 8:00, 10:15

RITZ 3 THEATER

403 E. Main St., Belleville, Ill. 233-3536
Liar Liar (PG-13) 2:40, 4:45, 7:15, 9:30
Austin Powers (PG-13) 2:00, 4:15, 6:45, 9:00
Anaconda (PG-13) 2:15, 4:30, 7:00, 9:15

RONNIE'S 8 CINE

Lindbergh & Baptist Church Road, 822-4900
Speed 2 (PG-13) 12:50, 7:00
My Best Friend's Wedding (PG-13) 4:20, 9:30
My Best Friend's Wedding (PG-13) 12:30, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 9:50
Face Off (R) 12:00, 4:05, 7:00, 10:00
Face Off (R) 2:00, 5:00, 8:10
Lost World (PG-13) 1:00, 4:10, 7:00, 9:40
Hercules (G) 12:00, 2:15, 4:30, 6:45, 9:00
Hercules (G) 1:15, 3:30, 5:45, 8:00, 10:30

ROXANA CINE THEATER

Ill. 244-4746
Lost World (PG-13) 2:00, 7:00, 9:45

ST. ANDREWS CINEMA

2025 Gateway Drive, 847-1133
Anaconda (PG-13) 1:50, 5:00, 8:00
Liar Liar (PG-13) 3:00, 7:00

ST. CHARLES 10 CINE

Hwy. 84 at Prairie Road, 822-4900
Face Off (R) 12:15, 3:15, 7:10, 10:00
Face Off (R) 1:15, 5:00, 7:45, 10:20
Lost World (PG-13) 11:50, 2:35, 5:30, 8:15
Lost World (PG-13) 1:45, 4:25, 7:20, 10:05
Speed 2 (PG-13) 1:30, 4:40, 7:35, 10:15
Hercules (G) 11:45, 2:00, 4:15, 7:00, 9:15
Hercules (G) 12:45, 3:00, 5:30, 7:55, 10:00
My Best Friend's Wedding (PG-13) 12:15, 2:50, 5:35, 8:00, 10:20
My Best Friend's Wedding (PG-13) 1:15, 4:05, 7:05, 9:45
Wild America (PG) 12:45, 3:10, 5:30, 7:55, 10:25

ST. CLAIR 10

50 Ludwig Drive, 398-8383
Batman & Robin (PG-13) 12:00, 3:00, 6:00, 9:00
Batman & Robin (PG-13) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00
Breakdown (R) 12:05, 2:10, 4:15, 7:15, 9:15
Gone Fishin' (PG) 12:10, 2:20, 4:30, 7:30, 9:40
Face Off (R) 11:30, 2:30, 5:30, 8:30
Face Off (R) 12:45, 4:15, 7:15, 10:10
Wild America (PG) 11:45, 2:15, 4:45, 7:20, 9:50

SHADY OAK CINE

Forsyth and Hanley Road, 727-2319
Face Off (R) 1:45, 5:15, 8:15

TIVOLI

6350 Danmar, 822-1100
Check theater for shows and times

VILLAGE SQUARE

100 Village Square Shopping Center, 885-1050
Austin Powers (PG-13) 1:25, 3:20, 6:00, 8:00, 10:05
The Saint (PG-13) 1:35, 5:30
Murder At 1600 (R) 8:05, 10:35
Anaconda (PG-13) 1:15, 3:15, 5:30, 7:50, 10:10
Jungle 2 Jungle (PG) 1:00, 3:20, 5:35, 7:50
Scream (R) 10:15
Liar Liar (PG-13) 1:00, 3:00, 5:45, 7:45, 9:55
Volcano (PG-13) 1:40, 5:55, 8:10, 10:30

WEST OLIVE

12657 Olive, 514-1616
My Best Friend's Wedding (PG-13) 11:30, 1:30, 5:00, 7:25, 9:55
My Best Friend's Wedding (PG-13) 3:15, 5:40, 8:00
Face Off (R) 10:45, 1:40, 4:40, 7:35, 10:30
Face Off (R) 1:05, 4:05, 7:05, 10:05
Batman & Robin (PG-13) 11:10, 2:15, 5:15, 8:20
Batman & Robin (PG-13) 1:00, 4:30, 7:30, 10:15
Out To Sea (PG-13) 11:30, 2:00, 4:55, 7:20, 9:50
Out To Sea (PG-13) 12:30, 3:05, 5:40, 8:05, 10:30
Wild America (PG) 10:40, 1:10, 5:20, 7:45, 10:10
Lost World (PG-13) 10:50, 1:55, 7:35
Speed 2 (PG-13) 4:55, 10:20
Men In Black (PG-13) 10:30, 1:20, 5:30, 8:20
Men In Black (PG-13) 11:20, 3:10, 6:00, 10:20
Men In Black (PG-13) 12:50, 3:40, 7:50, 10:40
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ARIES (March 21-April 19)
A sense of humor at a meeting with clients impresses the boss. Be careful not to promise too much to a new love interest. Take things slowly at first. Allow a child to help out with domestic chores. A Leo insists on treating you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
An existing romance is ready to move into the next phase. Help a former co-worker gain employment at your current workplace. Choose carefully when deciding who you will invite to join in on a business investment.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)
Quiet surroundings make it possible for you to finish a project at work ahead of schedule. Resist the urge to rekindle an old romance with a Scorpio. Instead, enjoy spending time alone and doing activities you choose to do.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)
A secret admirer finally makes himself or herself known to you. A long-distance friendship could lead to a new creative merger. Humor a relative by requesting to hear jokes or stories. Keep peace in your neighborhood.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
Concentrate on discovering ways to make additional cash in order to pay off a current debt. Respond to your love's request for space with an open mind. A winning attitude is necessary if you are to succeed in a physical activity.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 3)
It's up to you to make life happen. Once you take full responsibility for the way things are, you can move mountains. The end of July is the perfect time to begin a romance with a Pisces or Aquarius. A vital career move must be made in August or

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VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Spend extra hours at the office and the boss will reward you quickly. Relax, and take time to pamper yourself. Opinions about a co-worker's love life should be kept to yourself.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
Zeal for your job is noticed by the boss, and you are asked to be more involved in the office's decision-making process. Be aware of a Gemini's feelings for you, and be gentle if you do not feel the same way. Allow a Pisces or Aries friend to hold a social function in your home.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)
A romance with a fellow Scorpio gets a boost by planning a trip together.

Organize your time to the minute as you are extremely busy right now. Frequent advances from a fellow co-worker should be nipped in the bud.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Suggestions from a co-worker about other career opportunities are well meant and could really work. Exert pressure on a relative to make an important decision about his or her health.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Seek a friendship with someone who will open your world to new views. A recent setback at work is only temporary. Patience will yield a new position or a raise. Allow some time for you and a sweetheart to be alone.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
Treat a co-worker to lunch and gain vital information about an upcoming policy change. Regain your standing in a social circle by admitting that you were wrong. Your love is ready to be more available to you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
Your witty personality gets you a coveted seat on a community or political group. Honesty with a friend will make the relationship even closer. Forget about household duties today, and just relax.

ANSWER TO TODAY'S PUZZLE

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Sunday Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Joyce Nichols Lewis

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SABIN
ACROSS
1. Cacophonous
6. Happy
9. beginning
10. takes off
14. Milan's La —
19. Fast
20. Hawaiian
21. number
22. Polluting
23. Smash winners
24. For Sampras?
25. Japanese
26. native
27. "South Pacific"
28. The African
29. Queen's scripter
30. Socratic letters
31. Swinging
32. tourist?
33. Downstairs
34. worker
35. Same
36. — started:
37. unlucky
38. Gilted ones
39. Like diet food
40. Denny's master
41. Electrode
42. Dorm furniture,
for some
43. Comes together
44. Before: Prefix
45. HMC members
51. "I'm ready,
Sergeant?"
54. Riley's Miami
55. In time past,
formerly
57. C in C
58. Unproductive
59. Loren's mate
60. Press handouts
62. Frozen dessert
64. Polo equipment
65. Bugs' bane
66. Now
67. Los Alamos
68. Grows old, as a
joke
69. Less
70. experienced
71. Rivalries
72. Branch bumps
73. Call, on the
double court
74. Slick
75. Break the habit
76. "Home of
Hungary"
79. Netting?
83. — Jima

DOWN
1. Laugh track
2. bite
3. "Don't be —!"
4. The latest thing
5. Lair plans
6. Shows
7. Actor Alfred
8. Powdered
9. favorite resort
10. What to do with
11. Power shovel
12. Words from the
wise
13. Kitchen
14. Rebuff
15. Maxwell Smart
or "Mr."
16. Command from
the bridge
17. Bambi
18. WWII turning pt.
19. Slow tempo
20. Short news item
21. Spurred songs
22. Aftershock
23. — Kneeling of
China
24. Siegfried or Hov
25. Brooke's
26. Husband
27. They never
28. make the cut?
29. Puckled
30. Instruments
31. — a far, far ...
32. Dickens
33. Forum garb
34. Saloon solution
35. Court calendar
36. Courtesie item
37. Single-called
reproducer
38. Kitty's Hart
39. Word before
four
40. Trigger man
41. "Twins' star
Puckett
42. Basilica
43. Truman's town
44. Moriarty's
match
45. Bank employee
46. Split
47. Helium
48. Jessie
49. Fiddled around
50. Kenta poem
51. Park for TAE
52. Like garlic
53. Number pages
54. Be
55. contemptuous
56. Forum garb
57. Saloon solution
58. Court calendar
59. Courtesie item
60. Single-called
reproducer
61. Kitty's Hart
62. Wordless
entertainer
63. Go for it
64. Surfer's symbol
65. Skiddaddled
66. Carol of
December
67. Worst
68. Light bulb
69. information
70. Runner-up
71. Dater
72. "Sesame
Street" regular
73. Extinguish
74. Have a ball
75. Cell body
76. Willy remark
77. Biblical
preposition
78. Saily or Ayn
79. Woodwind
80. Roe producer
81. — nostra
82. Foratoken
83. Budget factor
84. Regarding
85. Miss

'Showbiz' is family biz at SIUE

It's going to be a family summer in the Summer Showbiz '97 production of The Sound of Music, part of the Summer Arts '97 program at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville.

There are four local families in the musical about the legendary von Trapp family.

The families in the cast are from Alton, Edwardsville, St. Jacob, and St. Louis. Assistant Professor Peter Cocuzza, of SIUE's department of theater and dance, is directing the play. He said that having families in the production was more than he could hope for.

"Before I began casting the parts, I was thinking: 'wouldn't it be nice if I had parents who were singers.' Before he knew it, he had just that," he said.

The 29-member cast includes the Adams family, mother and son, from Alton; the Renault family, mother and daughter, of Edwardsville; the Saia family, father and son, from St. Jacob; and the Bartz-Gallagher family, father and daughter, of St. Louis.

Children's ages in the cast range from 5-18 years. Richard Saia is playing the part of Herr Zeller, while his son, Jonathan, portrays Kurt von Trapp. Both are from St. Jacob. The Alton connection is represented by Aaron Adams, as Friedrich, and his mother, Lori, who portrays one of the nuns. Another nun is played by Laura Renault, whose daughter, Simone Renault, is Kurt von Trapp. They are from Edwardsville. The role of Max Detweiler, old friend of Capt. von Trapp and eventual



Cast members include: Regina Hankins, from left, of Granite City; Michael Bartz of St. Louis; Rusty Lucy of Edwardsville; and Sadie Gaughan of Belleville.

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savior in the family's escape from the Nazis, is played by Michael Bartz of St. Louis. His daughter, Monica Bartz-Gallagher, portrays Brigitta von Trapp.

This production will reflect the reality of the time period, according to Professor Cocuzza. "It's not just a sugar-coated family as Maria von Trapp herself described it," he explained. The time period of the play takes place on the eve of World War II.

"The characters are human reality and sweetness. There'll be some emotion in this production," he added. The von Trapps were well known singers in Europe, and, after escaping the Nazis, toured America for nearly 20

years. "Some cast members brought in old records of their tours," Professor Cocuzza said. "Everybody knows the movie The Sound of Music, but not all of the history," he added.

About the cast, Cocuzza said that even the smallest members have "functioned like little professionals. We work three hours a day with a 15-minute break. We try to play games, do exercises and just play. The personalities come out as they get more comfortable together," he said.

It will be a busy production backstage, too. The cast has five costume changes, including traditional folk gowns. There are also the German soldier costumes. Costume Director Jack Smith research the German military designs to ensure that each uniform symbol was correct for that rank and segment of the military, Professor Cocuzza added.

And not all of the cultural atmosphere of The Sound of Music will be onstage. There will be a lobby display featuring memorabilia from both the award-winning movie and the von Trapp Family, with updates on where members of the family are now, according to Professor Cocuzza.

The Sound of Music runs for two weekends: July 10-13 and July 17-20 in SIUE's Communications Building theater. Tickets are \$9, students, senior citizens, and SIUE faculty, staff, and alumni, \$6, and are available through SIUE's Fine Arts box office, (618) 692-2774, or, from St. Louis toll-free, (314) 621-5168, ext. 2774.

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AUTOMOTIVE

Montero Sport smaller, lighter SUV

By Tom Strongman

Sport-utility vehicles (SUVs) are hotter than Phoenix in August. More than 2.3 million vehicles — or one in every six vehicles — sold this year will be an SUV. In 1990 just under a million were sold.

This explosive growth has resulted in a flurry of new models targeted at both upper and lower ends of the segment. Mitsubishi is offering a smaller, lighter and less expensive Montero Sport to buyers who don't want to spend \$40,000 for an SUV. Prices range from just under \$18,000 for the four-cylinder, two-wheel-drive ES, to just over \$30,000 for a loaded, V-6-powered four-wheel-drive LS, which is what I drove.

Although the Montero SR always has been one of my favorite SUVs, I like the Sport because it feels more nimble, costs less and rides like a luxury sedan.

Around town, it swallows choppy or broken pavement without roughing up the passengers. Thanks to a lower center of gravity, it doesn't lean into turns like a giraffe fighting for balance. Road and wind noise are held nicely in check.

Mitsubishi is not alone seeking to create a car-like ride for its SUV, because more than 90 percent of SUVs are driven on the street and see little, if any, off-road use.

The 3.8-liter V-6 engine, with 173 horsepower, is both smaller and less powerful than the larger Montero's 3.5-liter, 200-horsepower unit. Even though the Sport weighs less, I could feel the smaller engine's lack of mid-range torque, or pulling power, when pulling out to pass or climbing hills. Downshifting to a lower gear was easy with the button on the gearshift lever.

The Sport shares the same frame and 107-inch wheelbase with the standard Montero, but it has seating for five instead of seven, two engine choices and can be ordered in two-wheel as well as four-wheel drive.

Like the regular Montero, the four-wheel-drive Sport is more than capable of handling the rough stuff should you choose to do so. A shift-on-the-fly four-wheel-drive system has a two-speed transfer case for extra slow going should you need it. A five-speed transmission is standard and an automatic is optional. Four-wheel-drive models also can be equipped with a limited-slip rear differential that enhances its off-road capability.

Four-wheel disc brakes are standard on four-wheel-drive models, but anti-lock is optional.

The massive, 15-inch alloy wheels and optional fender flares give it a tall, rugged stance, while skid plates protect vulnerable parts underneath.

Even though the "greenhouse," or window area, is not as tall as the regular Montero, visibility is good for city driving. The large rear hatch has a giant back window that is not only attractive but provides a wide rear view.

Inside, much of the interior will look familiar to Montero owners. The biggest difference is a round-



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ed, less-angular dash that has softer curves and less of a truck-like look. The only glitch I noticed was when the cup holder is pulled out, it blocks access to the radio.

And speaking of the radio, the tiny buttons are not the most user-friendly design, yet sound quality was quite good.

Climate controls, with rotary knobs, are mounted high in the center of the dash. Given the location of the cup holder, it might make sense to swap the location of the radio and heating controls.

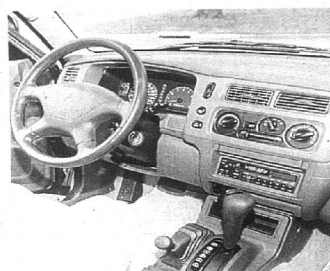
To fold down the 60/40 back seat you have to tumble the bottom cushion forward and remove the headrests, which is less handy than designs that have the seat back fold over the seat cushion.

Around back, the large tailgate opens wide to reveal two sets of storage compartments under the load floor. This is an area that usually gets wasted, and putting these little bins there is not only clever but useful. Plus, they give a measure of security for small items you don't want in plain view.

Our test car's tweed upholstery was inviting, and the front seats were comfortable because of long bottom cushions.

The base price of our Montero LS was \$23,970. It was equipped with options of anti-lock brakes, air conditioning, alloy wheels, chrome grill, fender flares, side steps, power sun roof, cargo net, upgraded stereo, power windows, compact disc changer, roof rack, wheel locks and rear window deflector.

The sticker price was \$31,091.



The basic warranty is for three years or 36,000 miles.

Point: The Montero Sport is smaller, lighter and less expensive than the Montero SR. It is plusher and quiet yet is capable of moderate off-road use.

Storage bins under the rear load floor are a nice touch.

Counterpoint: The engine seems to lack mid-range power when climbing hills, and the cup holder blocks the radio. Folding down the back seat could be easier.

POINTS & PLUGS

By Rick Stoff

A Texas legislator has proposed a law that would allow motorists to use coupons to avoid getting tickets for speeding up to 10 miles per hour over the posted speed limit.

The coupons, to be sold along with state lottery tickets for \$15 to \$100 (price still undetermined), would enable a motorist stopped for speeding to continue on his or her way without further ado. Not that generating revenue is any factor in speed enforcement.

There can be no clearer explanation as to why BMW and Mercedes-Benz are building vehicles in the U.S. and Porsche is building Boxsters in Finland.

With demand for the new Boxster exceeding Porsche's own production capacity, it has contracted with a Finnish firm to build 5,000 annually. Why build them in Finland rather than in the German Karmann plant that has built Porsches and Volkswagens for decades? The cost of labor in Germany.

According to the Verband der Automobilindustrie E.V., the German auto manufacturers' association, labor costs average \$37.10 per hour in Germany compared to \$16.20 in England, \$23.20 in the U.S. and \$29.10 in Japan.

Mazda Motor Corp. is becoming more tightly linked to Ford. Ford has increased its seats on Mazda's board of directors to eight of 30 and now has its executives in half of Mazda's top managerial positions.

Automotive consumer surveys are getting to be as common as flies at a picnic, but here's another one, this time the Strategic Vision Total Quality Experience Index. The consulting firm said consumers rated Saturn tops in sales and service experience with a score of 905 points out of a possible 1,000.

In the under-\$20,000 category, Volkswagen was second to Saturn, with a score of 839, and Honda was third at 826. For cars costing \$20,000 to \$30,000, the leader was Saab at 875, followed by Oldsmobile (864) and Buick (861). In the over-\$30,000 class, the top three were Lexus (904), Jaguar (899) and Mercedes-Benz (888).

The scores were based on responses given by 31,000 people who bought cars last October, November and December. Overall, last year's scores were 7 percent higher than those measured in 1995.

It costs a lot of money to take weight out of a car. That's one reason the little, 2,800-pound Plymouth Prowler costs \$39,000. Plymouth says the Prowler contains 900 pounds of aluminum, which makes the car 21 percent lighter than an all-steel car.

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